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

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

FOLLOW YOUR HEART - DO YOUR PART - CHERISH OUR FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

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, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.

Announcement: Youth Initiative Visions Supportive, Welcoming and Inclusive Midcoast Region With Community Education and Trainings. Maine's Midcoast region is not an easy place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and questioning teens. Eight out of ten lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Maine youth on a regular basis experience verbal harassment based on gender expression. LGBTQ youth have a two to three times higher rate of suicide attempts than heterosexual teens in Maine. LGBTQ youth are at a much higher risk of skipping school, dropping out of school, substance abuse, homelessness and even suicide. Rural, isolated Midcoast Maine LGBTQ teens are a particularly vulnerable segment of this population, reflected in Knox County having one of the highest rates of suicide attempts among this group.

OUT As I Want to Be has been working for 18 years to support and empower this at-risk group. OUT's weekly drop-in program in Rockland continues to draw local youth for a safe space to explore their gender expression. "Yet, our rural Midcoast region, with its nonexistent public transportation, makes it difficult for questioning youth from around the Midcoast region to access our drop-in space," notes incoming Board President, Lucie Bauer. "We need to reach out to build an informed village of gatekeepers who are already working with these youth to provide information and tools for effective support."

OUT recently hosted a Suicide Prevention training for regional practitioners and providers at the First Universalist Church in Rockland. Youth service providers, clinicians, and faith community members spent a full day exploring these issues and ways to successfully intervene in particularly vulnerable cases.

"This workshop is the beginning of OUT's effort to raise awareness of LGBTQ youth and their unique challenges throughout our communities," notes Bauer. OUT is planning another mental health training in November and more activities in the spring. For more information, or to be placed on OUT's mailing list for notification about upcoming trainings and workshops, email outmidcoast@gmail.com.

OUT! As I Want To Be supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people and their allies in Maine mid-coastal areas. Through affirmation, advocacy, education and guidance, OUT! assists LGBTQ youth 22 and under in their journeys from adolescence to healthy adulthood.

For more information, to volunteer, or to make a contribution to Out!, visit www.outmaine.org, email outmidcoast@gmail.com, call [1-800.530.6997](tel:1-800-530-6997) or mail donations to Out! As I Want to Be, P.O. Box 1723, Rockland, ME 04841.

Announcement: Annual Fundraising Appeal to Benefit Seacoast Outright.

Dear friends and supporters,

I am writing to you on behalf of Seacoast Outright, a support and advocacy program developed to provide a safe and empowering environment for LGBTQ youth and their allies in the Seacoast region. Outright has had its share of highs and lows this year. Highs have been an influx of amazing youth coming through our doors every week and reminding us why we do this, volunteers that have continuously come through time and time again to serve this great need, and the strength of our community in getting the word out to youth who would most greatly benefit from all that Outright has to offer. Lows have been our current financial crisis, a significant drop in volunteer availability, and the curtailing of all activities, with the exception of the Friday night 21 and Under Support meeting, and much of our outreach efforts due to lack of funding.

Outright also said goodbye to Rosalind Eaton this spring, our dedicated Executive Chair and Director for the last few years. Rose was vigilant in her commitment to Outright and coordinated all of the daily operations, while continuously pushing Outright to new heights. We commend her for her years of service and wish her the best in her new endeavor. She will certainly be missed, but we know that she will continue to do great things, just as she continues to be a huge support for us even hundreds of miles away.

Seacoast Outright held its first youth group meeting in October of 1993. At that time, we were just a group of concerned citizens who felt that the gay and lesbian youth of our community deserved a better world to grow up in. Twenty-one years later, young adults are still facing discrimination, hatred, fear, and bullying at home and in the school systems. The need for Seacoast Outright is as important today as it was then.

With your help, we would like to resume our outreach and education activities - outreach to let gay youth know that we are here for them, and education in schools and other organizations that invite us. This education is more important than ever; the audience is more receptive than in the past, though still often badly misinformed about the lives of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender.

This appeal is our largest annual fundraiser and provides the funding Seacoast Outright needs to operate. Your donation, no matter what size, is vital. Every dollar is greatly appreciated, so please dig deep and help us out as much as you can. Since we are a 501-3c organization, all contributions to Seacoast Outright are tax-deductible; our ID number is 02-0470822.

We are also in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks and time commitments; from meeting facilitation, to event planning, and long - term positions on the Executive Board. As an entirely volunteer - run organization, Seacoast Outright is constantly looking for people willing and able to help. Please continue to support the efforts of our organization and join us in making our community stronger and better.

Warmest Regards,
Jd Dorr
Executive Director
Seacoast Outright

<https://www.crowdrise.com/2014annualfundraisingappeal/fundraiser/seacoastoutright1>

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.

No op-eds this issue.

EVENTS (CHANGING):

SEPTEMBER

September 16 (Tuesday). **Augusta. Round table talk on constitutionality of state same-sex marriage bans.** Tues, 9/16, 11:45am-1pm at Holocaust & Human Rights Center at UMA, Augusta. FMI: gregory.fahy@maine.edu

September 17 (Wednesday). **Waterville. Combating Homophobia: The struggle against Uganda's anti-gay law.** At the Ostrove Auditorium, Diamond Building, Colby College. 2014 Oak Human Rights Fellow Clare Byarugaba. Once known as the Pearl of Africa, Uganda gained international notoriety in 2009 when its Parliament took up a "kill the gays" bill. Homophobia there is not just violent; it now is institutionalized. What caused this harsh attack on a relatively small minority in Uganda? And what are activists doing to defend or liberate the LGBT community in the face of overwhelming odds? Clare Byarugaba, our 2014 Oak Fellow, will address these questions.

September 21 (Sunday). **Portland. Champagne Brunch Back to Safer Schools fundraiser with GLSEN founder Kevin Jennings!** 12:00 to 2:00 at 43 Carleton Street, Portland, Maine. GLSEN-Southern Maine makes our schools safer by supporting Gay-Straight-Transgender Alliances (GSTAs) in schools; providing leadership training and opportunities to youth; advocating for inclusive public policies to improve student safety; and providing professional development training to teachers and administrators. Your support of this event will have a direct impact on the safety of our schools and help us to increase our capacity. Suggested donation to attend: \$50. For more information, see <https://donate-southernmaine.glsen.org/page/contribute/back-to-safer-schools>

September 25 – 28 (Thursday – Sunday). Gorham. **Staged Reading: The Well of Horniness: A comedic radio show by Holly Hughes.** At Russell Hall, USM. What's a dame to do when the dame she did turns up dead? It's the naughty side of noir. "Reformed" lesbian Vicki has forsaken the sorority of sin, Tridelta Tribades, only to be plunged into monogamous monotony with her shag-carpet-pedaling, soon-to-be-husband Rod, whose sister, Georgette, happens to be a tried-and-true member of the Tribades. After a brief encounter between the two women, a shot rings out and a panicked Vicki screams. So who is the femme fatale? Could it be Vicki? The hatcheck girl with a grudge? Detective Garnet McClit is on the case in this concert reading of Holly Hughes' farcical radio play. Includes mature subject matter. Tickets are \$15 general public, \$11 seniors, USM employees and alumni, \$8 students. To purchase tickets or for more information, see <http://usm.maine.edu/theatre/well>

September 26 (Friday). **Lewiston. Film: "The Secret History of Love" at Schaeffer Theatre,** Bates College Sept 26 at 5:30pm. The work shares stories of how transgender people met in the underground animated by dance and text.

September 27 (Saturday). **Bar Harbor / Machias. Walk for Zero: AIDS Awareness Walk.** On Saturday, September 27 join the Down East AIDS Network and the Health Equity Alliance for their Walk for Zero: AIDS Awareness Walk in Bar Harbor and Machias. The walk will start at 10:30 A.M. with registration opening at 9:30 A.M.. It will be followed by an after party at 11:30 A.M.. Help achieve a world in which there are ZERO new cases of HIV, ZERO AIDS-related deaths and ZERO stigma associated with HIV. Held simultaneously in Bar Harbor and Machias, the Walk for Zero is DEAN's largest fundraiser of the calendar year. Walkers will march through downtown Bar Harbor and Machias to raise awareness around the continued struggle with HIV and the quest for zero new cases of HIV, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero stigma. For more information and/or materials visit www.downeastaidnetwork.org/zero

September 28 (Sunday). **Kennebunkport. SAGE Maine Meet and Greet. 3 to 5 PM,** Kennebunkport, ME (Cape Porpoise). Hot dogs, beef and garden burgers, salads and soft drinks. Bring anything special you want to drink and Pot Luck items welcomed!! SAGE Maine Members – Get to know each other Potential Members ~ Learn about SAGE Maine and Meet Us! Meet others nearby who have similar interests RSVP for directions: Marilyn R. Gugliucci: mgugliucci@une.edu

September 30 (Tuesday). **Portland. DownEast Pride Alliance (“DEPA”) Networking Event.** The next monthly "Business After Hours" networking event will be held at GLASS Lounge, Hyatt Place from 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. 433 Fore Street, Portland. Join DEPA for our next LGBT & gay friendly "Business After Hours" event at GLASS! Cash bar & appetizers provided. Bring business cards to share on our Media Table. Casual, no RSVP, just come! All are welcome. FREE. Join DEPA each month in Portland for business networking and "cocktails & conversation."

OCTOBER

October 4 (Saturday). **Hallowell. SAGE Maine Annual Meeting.** 1:00 in the afternoon, Cohen Community Center, 22 Town Farm Road Hallowell, ME. SAGE Maine Members, Guests, and Friends are Welcome! Special Host and EmCee: Maine's Own Betsy Sweet In 2009 I wrote and performed my first one-woman comedy show. I have since written two more, and working on another one. They are all about real life experiences and seeing the humor in everyday things... I have been featured on a number of tv shows, numerous news shows, and radio shows including Bill Moyers, Health Options, and Capitol Connection. Check: <http://www.betsysweet.com> Election of SAGE Maine Board Members, Report of Activities in 2014 and Plans for 2015, Light Refreshments Provided. Shared rides can be arranged from central locations by request to ride@sagemaine.org

October 5 (Sunday). **Portland. LGBTQ Story Sharing with Artist/Activist Sean Dorsey.** SPACE Gallery, 538 Congress St., Portland, teams up with the Bates Dance Festival to introduce San Francisco Bay area choreographer and transgender activist Sean Dorsey. Dorsey will show video snippets of his revolutionary dance work and discuss his activism through art as a platform for dialogue about issues facing Maine's LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS community. All ages welcome. Pizza will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 5pm. For more information, see <http://www.seandorseydance.com/> and <http://www.batesdancefestival.org/> Dorsey is conducting a two-week community residency in Portland and Lewiston this fall including a free, informal showing of "The Secret History of Love" at Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College Sept 26 at 5:30pm. The work shares stories of how transgender people met in the underground animated by dance and text. Dorsey returns next spring for a series of intimate story sharing gatherings to inform his new work, "The Missing Generation" which deals with the AIDS epidemic and those lost in the 80s. "The Missing Generation" will have its Maine premiere at the Bates Dance Festival next July.

October 17 (Friday). **Portland. Safe and Supportive Schools – Conference for Educators and Mental Health Professionals.** Laws, resources and best practices for creating a school culture that affirms every student. Friday, October 17th 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. University of Southern Maine - Portland Campus. **Presented by:** EqualityMaine, GLSEN SouthernMaine, GLAD and Maine Chapter NASW. **Featuring presentations by:** Out As I Want To Be!, Maine Trans Net, CSMSC, STAND. EqualityMaine, GLSEN Southern Maine and GLAD are hosting a day-long conference on topics important to the well being of LGBTQ youth in Maine. The workshops are designed for educators, social workers and others working with LGBTQ youth who want to know about the laws that are in place, best practices for creating safe and supportive school communities and how, as professionals, we can ensure that we are able to be strong allies to our students. Current and future teachers and mental health professionals are encouraged to attend. **For more information:** Contact Beth Allen at ballen@equalitymaine.org or (207) 812-8654. Scholarships and discount rates for GSTA advisors and Civil Rights Team advisors. Light lunch will be provided. CEs for educators and social workers. **[An RSVP is required. To sign up, click here.](#)**

October 30 – November 2 (Thursday – Sunday). **Linconville. Fall Retreat: Make Beautiful Tribe.** Registration for the Fall Retreat of MBT, the Make Beautiful Tribe, is now open. The retreat will be held from **Oct. 30 - Nov. 2** at the **Tanglewood 4-H Campground in Linconville**, about 15 minutes south of Belfast. For more information about the Make Beautiful Tribe and its retreats, please go to: www.makebeautifultribe.org where you can download a copy of the registration form. **You can save up to \$20 on your registration by registering early, by Sept. 15** for the biggest discount. You may arrive as early as Thursday, the 30th, and take part in our traditional potluck welcome dinner. The rest of the weekend's meals are being planned by our superchef, Behr.

EVENTS / SERVICES (ONGOING):

Androscoggin County

MAINE FAMILY PLANNING TRANSGENDER HEALTH CLINIC. Transgender Health Services at Maine Family Planning include: hormonal transition therapy & monitoring for trans people 18 years old & over, onsite self-injection lessons & supplies for hormone injections, referrals to specialty providers & community resources, including mental, behavioral, & medical providers, annual exams, preventive care, birth control & safer sex supplies, and STD testing & treatment for patients of any gender. 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: 207-795-4007 For more information, including hours, see <http://www.mainefamilyplanning.org/page/958-881/transgender-health-care>

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.

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 FRIDAY NIGHT QUEER AND ALLIES DISCUSSION GROUP. Only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. At Justice In The Body in Portland at 7:00 P.M.

AA MEETING - GLBT, Portland, 6:30pm, at Dana Center at Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Street. More info: <http://www.csoamaine.org/>

GAY MEN'S PROSTATE CANCER GROUP The Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer has announced the formation of the gay men's prostate cancer support group with an aim to provide a safe place for gay men to share and discuss issues regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. The group is open to gay and bisexual men and their partners and friends. The meeting place will alternate between South Portland and Augusta with even numbered months held at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland and odd numbered months at Maine General Hospital(Conference Room #2) in Augusta, always on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30. For more information please email stuarthunter@comcast.net or mcclenahanbw@gmail.com.

GO PORTLAND. Hosts activities and events for gay, bisexual and questioning men. Weekly yoga classes and volleyball throughout the year. Join GO Portland's group website to view events, RSVP and stay connected with other members. <http://www.meetup.com/TheGOGroups/> For further information, contact Mat Robedee: (207)871-0216 or email: mrobedee@peabodycenter.org

MAINETRANSNET Portland. Portland Trans Only Peer Support Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. Portland Allies Only Peer Support Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to the allies, family, friends, significant others, and other loved ones/acquaintances whose lives are affected by the transgender experience. Portland Mixed Trans and Allies Peer Support Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to Transgender people, allies, family members or acquaintances. Allies wishing to attend for the first time should come with the trans person of their acquaintance, or contact us first if you wish to attend alone. Maine Transnet also has Bangor/Orono meetings. See www.mainetransnet.org/Meetings.html for the current meeting schedule s and locations. E-mail mtn@mainetransnet.org for more information.

(PFLAG) PARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, Portland. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in

Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email pflagportlandmaine@gmail.com

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND is the region's largest reproductive & sexual health care provider. They offer affordable, confidential LGBT services, including Transgender Hormone Therapy, STI testing & treatment, and Rapid HIV testing. Same day and next day appointments are available at health centers in Biddeford, Portland, Sanford and Topsham. To make an appointment, call [1-866-476-1321](tel:1-866-476-1321) or visit www.ppnne.org

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.

PORTLAND OUTRIGHT. DROP-IN is a space for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*, Queer, Questioning, and Allied folks - ages 14 - 22 - to make friends, find support, and get engaged with the LGBTQ+ community. DROP-IN is every Wednesday night from 6-8pm @ the Youth Move Offices located at 175 Lancaster Street in Portland.

PRIDE PORTLAND! –Pride Portland! is a group of diverse community members who have come together to plan this year's annual pride celebration. There is a Steering Committee made up of 15 community leaders with vast experiences and interests, as well as work teams comprised of community members responsible for planning and organizing various aspects of this year's celebration. Pride Portland! Holds open community meetings on the last Thursday of each month for any interested person to gain updates and find out how to be involved in this year's celebration. To get involved with Pride Portland!, please find us on Facebook, on the web at <http://prideportland.org/> or email portmepride@gmail.com We welcome any involvement and are open to any questions!

QUEER YOGA Sundays 4:30- 5:30 pm; 578 Congress Street, Portland, ME (Above Strange Maine) with Jennie Foley. For more information or questions contact Jennie at jenniefoleyyoga@gmail.com or on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Jennie.Foley.Yoga> The focus of Queer yoga will be creating a safe place for everyone... LGBTQ* & allies- and to bring together our community in a healthy way. There are many outlets like clubs and bars to meet and connect at- but I would like to create a space with an objective focused on wellness. It will serve as a space to work on your body/ mind and meet other queer folks interested in fitness and the mind-body connection. This will be a judgement free place- overflowing with love- including an emphasis on accepting people at every space on the gender spectrum, in any part of their transition physically, on any mental or metaphysical journey, or at any place in their journey of coming out. Those who love LGBTQ* people are welcome as well!

SOUTHERN MAINE GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network). FMI about the group or GSTA meetings, contact the Southern Maine Chapter at PO Box 10334, Portland, Maine 04104 or see the website at <http://chapters.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/southernme/calendar.html>

TRANS HEALTH CLINIC. Dr. Masina Wright, N.D. H.M.C is holding a trans* health clinic on the first Tuesday of each month at Justice in the Body, Portland, Maine. To make appointments or ask questions, please contact Masina at 207-233-3944 or email thewrightnd@gmail.com, or see www.thewrightdoctor.com Suggested donation is \$10 - \$40 to Justice in the Body for use of the space.

TRANS YOUTH EQUALITY FOUNDATION. New England Youth / Parent Support Group. Meets every second Sunday of the month from 12 - 2. All transgender and gender non-conforming youth and their parents / close family members are welcome. \$5.00 donation if possible, but anyone is welcome no matter what. Meet new friends, catch up with old friends, get support, share in this safe and warm environment, have fun, and share a meal! The two groups run at the same time but are separate. Ride sharing supported from areas in Maine and Boston, etc. Come get support and provide support! Parents group will involve support time, social time and an informal chat as well. These groups are in a confidential location, and we are very careful about your confidentiality. All trans youth and gender non conforming youth are welcome. We will have support group time and time to socialize and make connections. In the parent support group we end also with a relevant topic so you are kept informed on issues that will help you and your transgender child. Join us! Get support, share support, have fun, make new friends and get great resources. TYEF tries to help support your efforts to ride share. We also help

with transportation money when needed and funds are available. Please let us know if you would like to apply and we will forward you the transportation funding form. Learn more, discuss important topics for parents, enjoy new connections and use this as an excuse to enjoy Portland! <http://www.transyouthequality.org> On [facebook](#). Contact us to register to join us and learn where. contact@transyouthequality.org

Franklin County

The LinQ -- serving the Greater Farmington, Maine region since 1992. Group Facilitator: Brian Kaufman, Ph.D. 207-778-7379. Meets Wednesdays during the Academic Calendar year from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in room 119A of the Psychology Building at UMF, located at 234 Main Street (enter at rear of building!)

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

DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK (DEAN) is a nonprofit community organization with a mission to empower those communities most impacted by HIV to improve their health and wellbeing and affect social and cultural change. By facilitating collaboration, education, advocacy and action DEAN creates a world in which all people are valued and celebrated and health disparities such as HIV, Hepatitis C, substance use and AIDS-related deaths are nonexistent. Services provided throughout Hancock and Washington Counties include: HIV education, syringe exchange services and other GLBTQQI programming. DEAN also offers free rapid HIV testing on demand at their offices in Ellsworth and Machias, and through outreach testing: no blood, no fuss, results in 20 minutes. Earn \$10 per eligible person tested if you host an HIV testing party, email outreach@downeastaidnetwork.org! For more information about DEAN visit www.downeastaidnetwork.org. Eastern Maine AIDS Network has recently merged with Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN). The new Bangor office will be located at 106 Pine Street in Bangor. DEAN will continue to serve Downeast Maine. For more information, contact DEAN at 207-667-3506.

DOWNEAST OUTRIGHT, Ellsworth, is a safe space for youth 12-22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Ally youth are also welcome. Please contact Omm at Down East AIDS Network for locations and more information omm@downeastaidnetwork.org or 667-3506.

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. For meeting time and place please call 667-2358 or e-mail downeastme@chapters.glsen.org. FMI about the group, contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email downeastme@chapters.glsen.org. You can check the resource-rich national web site at <http://www.glsen.org> and find our chapter page at www.glsen.org/chapters/downeastme.

Kennebec County

JUST GUYS. Longest-standing and largest gay social group in Central Maine, drawing men from Auburn and Brunswick to Waterville and Bangor. Meets every Wednesday night of the year from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, on the West Side of Augusta.

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MAINE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER (MGMC) HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM, 9 Green Street, Augusta, Maine. MGMC Harm Reduction Program offers the following services free of charge: Anonymous HIV & HCV testing and counseling, safer sex supplies, Needle Exchange, Overdose Prevention Counseling, referrals to case management should anyone test positive for HIV & a list of community resources. We welcome the GBLTQ community and are a safe place for all including the Transgender & Trans-sexual communities. MGMC Harm Reduction Services are available to anyone in the state regardless of county of residence. Ours hours are consistent: Tuesdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm and Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4:30pm, or by appointment. Please call with any questions or for directions. Our Phone is 621-3770 or 872-4102 and our program director is Jayne Harper, MS. Phone messages are confidential. Walk-ins welcome during T & W hours. There is a waiting room and unisex restrooms on site.

WATERVILLE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT. The Waterville Inclusive Community Project creates safe and welcoming communities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in central Maine. See <https://www.facebook.com/Waterville.Inclusive.Community.Project> for more information.

Knox County

OUT!...AS I WANT TO BE. Lincoln Street Center for the Arts and Education, Rockland. GLBTQ youth, ages 14 to 22, meetings every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Jeanne Dooley at 632-4797 or email outmidcoast@gmail.com Check the web site at <http://www.outmaine.org> or the myspace posting at www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe See full listing below for more details.

RADIO SHOW: OUT! ON THE AIR. From 5 - 6 pm on Wednesday nights, Midcoast residents can tune their dials to WRFR - 93.3 (Rockland) or 93.9 (Camden) - for a unique portrait of area youth. "Out! On the Air" is created and organized by host Starcia Willey and Rockland's very own youth group - Out! As I Want to Be - supporting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, allied, and intersexed (GLBTQQAI) young people aged 14-22 in the Midcoast area.

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.

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GBLT 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.

MAINETRANSNET Bangor. Current meetings suspended. Please contact mtn@mainetransnet.org for more information. MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. MaineTransNet's open support meetings are limited to allies, family members or acquaintances, accompanied by the trans person of their acquaintance. E-mail MTN at mtn@mainetransnet.org for more information.

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.

THE BRIDGE ALLIANCE. Bangor. Find The Bridge Alliance on Facebook at Friends of Bridge Alliance at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66170430750/>

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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 603-552-5824 or check the web site at www.seacoastoutright.org

TRANSGENDER TEEN SUPPORT GROUP. (KENNEBUNK) 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:00-7:30pm. Kennebunk, Maine. Contact Gia or Fran for the specific location! This is a group for transgender teens and trans/questioning teens. To maintain the safety and confidentiality of our members, the group is not open to the public, friends, or family. The group is facilitated by two adults, Fran Kessler-Richardson, LCSW, a school social worker, and Gia Drew, a transgender advocate and high school teacher. This support group is for young people to learn information, connect with peers, and find a voice as a transgender person. For inquiries contact Gia at giabarbiegirl@gmail.com or Fran at fran.kesslerrichardson@gmail.com

Waldo County

LESBIAN POTLUCK SUPPER (BELFAST). On the second Saturday of the month, 6:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, behind the library on Miller Street. Look for our rainbow flag! All lesbians welcome. Contact Patty at ht3patty@gmail.com for more details.

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THE GENDER & SEXUAL DIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTER at the University of Maine at Machias. The GSM Resource Center is for students, staff, faculty and community members looking for specific resources, general support, and answers to questions concerning Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transexual, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Allied (friends & family) issues. 100% Society members who have received Safe Space and other trainings will hold office hours and confidentially respond to phone calls and voicemail, 255-1300. Information on the Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend for Maine high school youth will also be available. Donations of books, posters, brochures, and DVDs on LGBTQIA topics are welcome as well as specific requests for support. We are located in 5 Kimball Hall, University of Maine at Machias, Machias, ME 04654, please check open hours before stopping by! FMI Lois-Ann Kuntz, lkuntz@maine.edu.

PFLAG MACHIAS meets every second Wednesday of the month. Any LGBTQIA persons, family members and friends are welcome. Meetings are held at 6:30pm in the downstairs vestry at the Centre Street Congregational Church on 9 Center Street, Machias. For more information please contact: Shallee Page at 207-255-1288; or email downeastpflag@gmail.com and request to join our facebook page: Machias PFLAG Group.

THE 100% SOCIETY meets Mondays at 7:00 in the upstairs Study Center in Torrey Hall at the University of Maine at Machias. This student run organization advocates awareness and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, and ally issues. For more information please see the webpage, <http://www.umm.maine.edu/100percent.html>, or contact Faculty Advisor, Lois-Ann Kuntz at lkuntz@maine.edu or 207-255-1244.

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 every three months. 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 zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org

No new listings this issue.

JOB POSTINGS:

MACHIAS: Down East AIDS Network + The Health Equity Alliance (DEAN+HEAL) is seeking to fill an opening in the health promotion and social services field to start in October, 2014. This position is a high profile public health and social services placement, which will serve as the primary point of contact for the agency in Washington County. The **Outreach Office, Case Manager and/or Health Promotion Specialist** will provide direct support and coordination of care for People Living with HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C. They will further provide health promotion and disease prevention services for youth, members of the GLBT community, persons with addiction issues, and the community at large. Health promotion services will include HIV and hepatitis C testing, safer sex education, syringe exchange and other such services. The position will be **based out of DEAN+HEAL's Outreach Office in Machias**. As the sole staff person in the Machias office **the ideal candidate will be highly motivated and independent**. The successful candidate will further require strong interpersonal skills, a dynamic personality and a healthy sense of humor. They further require good computer skills, the ability to work well under pressure, strong time management skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks. Experience working with marginalized populations and/or navigating complex social assistance systems is a plus. This position requires a

bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, sociology, psychology or related discipline and at least 4 years relevant experience, including experience working independently. Recruitment will continue until a suitable candidate has been selected. Send resume, list of 3 professional references, and a cover letter to:

Recruitment

25A Pine St.

Ellsworth, ME 04605

kenney@downeastaidnetwork.org

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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 or SEEKING LIVING SPACE:

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 zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org.

BELFAST: Offering downtown apartments for rent. One and two bedroom units occasionally available. We offer great light, heat and hot water, parking downtown, laundry facility and trash removal. For more information on availability contact: abelfastrental@gmail.com

GLBTQI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS and RESOURCES:

At Home Downeast ~ Hancock County: Support for Aging in Place. At Home Downeast is a member-based, volunteer supported program designed to provide residents of the nine-town Peninsula community (Surry, Blue Hill, Brooklin, Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Brooksville, Penobscot, and Castine) with essential services, enabling them to continue to live independently in their homes as they age. Program Manager: Kara F. Janes, MSW, 374-5852. 118 Ellsworth Rd. Blue Hill ME 04614. www.athomedowneast.org

The Bridge Alliance is a registered non profit organization whose primary goal is to connect the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) community in Aroostook, Hancock, Washington, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties accomplishing the following: To 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. See <http://thebridgealliance.org/> for more information.

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.

Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity, University of Southern Maine, Portland. Education, Support, and Advocacy for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning, Queer, and Allied community at USM. See <http://www.usm.maine.edu/csgd/> for more information.

Community, Inc. Community, Inc. is an up-and-coming non-profit organization that seeks to provide what our entire community has needed for years – a safe, accessible community center where everyone is welcome. Community, Inc.'s mission is to provide a safe space for community members to gather, hold meetings, host events, and, most importantly, be safe and free within the community. Community, Inc. intends to provide both a community space for individuals and groups to use as needed, as well as offering office space for other community organizations serving the community at a reduced rent, so these groups can continue offering their valuable services to our community. For more information, see Community, Inc.'s facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/CommunityIncMaine> or e-mail communityinmaine@gmail.com

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.

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Downeast (GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. For meeting time and place please call 667-2358 or e-mail downeastme@chapters.glsen.org. 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 mdowneastme@chapters.glsen.org. You can check the resource-rich national web site at www.glsen.org and find our chapter page at www.glsen.org/downeastme.

Downeast Outright is a safe space for youth 12-22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Ally youth are also welcome. Come socialize or plan activism. Please contact Omm at Down East AIDS Network for locations and more information - omm@downeastaidnetwork.org or 667-3506.

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

Gay Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group: The Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer has announced the formation of the gay men's prostate cancer support group with an aim to provide a safe place for gay men to share and discuss issues regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. The group is open to gay and bisexual men and their partners and friends. The meeting place will alternate between South Portland and Augusta with even numbered months held at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland and odd numbered months at Maine General Hospital(Conference Room #2) in Augusta, always on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30. The first meeting will take place October 4 at the Cancer Community Center and the next, Nov. 1 at Maine General. For more information please email stuarthunter@comcast.net or mcclenahanbw@gmail.com

GayWeddingsInMaine.com: Maine's first most comprehensive GLBT wedding vendor directory website and resources guide. Gay owned & operated locally in Portland, Maine. Website features gay & gay-friendly ministers & officiants, churches, wedding planners, florists, jewelers, DJs and bands, hotels, and much more! Affordable rates for wedding vendors on this high-traffic site (half a million hits & growing!). Plus, synergy with *Southern Maine Pride* and the *DownEast Pride Alliance* networks, along with local advertising campaigns. Now accepting gay & gay-friendly engagement announcements. FMI call (207)772-3599, email: info@gayweddingsinmaine.com or visit the site <http://www.GayWeddingsInMaine.com>

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(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. Have a question about your legal rights? Visit GLAD's website at <http://www.gladanswers.org> or call the free answers 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.

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.

Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. The purpose of this organization is to provide educational and clinical services in sexual and reproductive health care to women regardless of age, ability, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation or economic status. The Mabel Wadsworth Center provides low-cost, woman positive 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: www.mabelwadsworth.org. 947-5337 or info@mabelwadsworth.org

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. The Equity Fund of the Maine Community Foundation seeks grant proposals for projects that serve Maine's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community. Applications for project grants supporting the LGBTQ community in rural and other under-served communities are particularly encouraged, as are proposals for capacity-building support. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2013. Apply online at www.mainecef.org The Equity Fund is advised by a group of volunteers with expertise in LGBTQ issues. Last year, the committee distributed \$27,500 in four grants ranging in size from \$5,000 to the maximum award amount of \$7,500. The grantees were: Down East AIDS Network, Ellsworth, to extend the Queer Community Action Group, a collaborative LGBTQ community health initiative, to develop a community action plan to address identified LGBTQ health and social equity issues, Frannie Peabody Center, Portland, to collaborate with four colleges and universities in Southern Maine to launch a peer-driven ad campaign for young gay and bisexual men in order to increase HIV awareness, GLSEN (Southern Maine Chapter), Portland, to promote safe and welcoming school communities, strengthen LGBTQ and allied youth, and reduce anti-LGBTQ violence in Maine, Waterville Inclusive Community Project, to use a theater-based approach to deliver workshops and information to schools and community organizations to create systemic change for LGBTQ youth. For more information about the Equity Fund, including greater detail on its funding priorities and grants awarded in recent years, visit www.mainecef.org or contact fund staffer Ken Town at 207-685-4715 or ktown48@hotmail.com The mission of the Equity Fund is to strengthen Maine-based LGBTQ organizations and promote community-based initiatives that address LGBTQ issues and needs. A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. For more information, visit www.mainecef.org or call 1-877-700-6800.

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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.

New Beginnings. New Beginnings has served runaway and homeless youth and Maine families in crisis for more than 30 years. Our [complete continuum of services](#) provides an essential "safety net" for over 750 youth each year who don't have stable family support and are at risk of homelessness. New Beginnings offers several trainings, including Creating Safety for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: GLBT youth are a significant percentage of the runaway/homeless youth population, and they face additional challenges in accessing services. Eighty-six percent of gay and transgender youth report being verbally harassed at school and 22 percent have been physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Schools and youth-serving agencies that are welcoming, supportive, and safe can play a unique role in the lives of these young people.

This one- day training is designed for staff of alternative schools, shelters, residential programs, and drop-in centers that serve runaway/homeless youth. It is an introductory training for staff who have had limited previous training, or who wish to update their skills. For information about this training and others, see <http://newbeginmaine.org/hiv-trainings/>

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Pride Portland! –Pride Portland! is a group of diverse community members who have come together to plan this year's annual pride celebration. There is a Steering Committee made up of 15 community leaders with vast experiences and interests, as well as work teams comprised of community members responsible for planning and organizing various aspects of this year's celebration. Pride Portland! Holds open community meetings on the last Thursday of each month for any interested person to gain updates and find out how to be involved in this year's celebration. To get involved with Pride Portland!, please find us on Facebook or email portmepride@gmail.com We welcome any involvement and are open to any questions!

SAGE Maine. SAGE Maine seeks to advance awareness of GLBT Aging in Maine and, with the help of national SAGE partnership, work to improve services and support systems for Maine's older GLBT community. For more information about SAGE Maine: www.SageMaine.org or see the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine/430881413668790> To contact SAGE Maine, email info@sagemaine.org

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

Trans.Mission. Trans.Missions is a Public Affairs broadcast originating from Portland Maine, US. Airing every Tuesday from 1 – 1:30 p.m. eastern on WMPG-FM, it can be heard in Southern Maine at 90.9 and 104.1; and is streamed world-wide (except, apparently, for North Korea) at www.wmpg.org. Whether it's trans-phobic television shows, outrageous comments by famous people, or just note-worthy news items, I'll be sure to have something to say about it. My name is Dal Maxwell and I urge you to tune in as I take to the air to give my slant on all things transgender. Trans.Missions is Trans.Gender.Radio.For.The.Masses. For suggestions for future shows or to provide comments, please e-mail trans.missions@myfairpoint.net or go to the FB page [Trans.Mission](#)

Trans Youth Equality Foundation. Trans Youth Equality Foundation provides education, advocacy and support for transgender and gender-non-conforming children and youth and their families. Our mission is to share information about the unique needs of this community, partnering with families, educators, and service providers to help foster a healthy, caring and safe environment for all transgender children. We are located in Portland Maine but are available to all. We have a social/support group for children that meets once a month. We have a summer zine workshop for youth and any trans youth 18 and under can join. To learn more look at <http://www.transyouthequality.org> and friend us on facebook and twitter: TYEFOFFICIAL. 207-478-4087. Susan Maasch/Director

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>

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

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just guys. (AUGUSTA) Longest-standing and largest gay social group in Central Maine, drawing men from Auburn and Brunswick to Waterville and Bangor. Meets every Wednesday night of the year from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, on the West Side of Augusta. Ample on-street parking; fenced, discreet, off-street parking across from the church's side entrance. Fully accessible parking, meeting spaces and restrooms; occasional events may be attended by ASL interpreters, and most films have subtitles. Widely-varied programs include gbt-themed movies, game nights, unstructured evenings of casual conversation, speakers on men's health, GLBT politics or safe-sex , potlucks, workshops, hosted dinners on holidays. No reservations (except for hosted meals) and no invitation required - feel free just to show up. For directions, or to get on our emailing list, visit us at justguys.info. To receive a call from a member of our Steering Committee please leave a message on our info line at 619-0859.

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 328 Main St, Rockland, Suite 3 every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Jeanne Dooley at 632-4797 or email outmidcoast@gmail.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

Portland Outright (PORTLAND) An organization that provides safe and supportive community for youth 14 - 22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, queer, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Wednesday from 6-8 P.M. at the Portland Outright Office at 175 Lancaster Street in Portland.. Also provides outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI email portlandoutright@gmail.com or see: <https://www.facebook.com/PortlandOutright>

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 Muise 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 603-552-5824 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

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.

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

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> .

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!

Gay Ogunquit. A web resource for LGBTQI residents of or visitors to the Ogunquit area. <http://www.gayogunquit.com/index.php>

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 GayNet Listserve. 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, go to <http://groups.queernet.org/sympa/subscribe/me-gaynet>

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: pputnam@mac.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/>

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

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" or "The FAN" in the subject line). Note that FAN issues often show up in your inbox from thefan@maine.rr.com due to technicalities of the internet.

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTQI (gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans/queer/intersex) community, sent out around the 1st and 15th of each month. It covers the State of Maine only. The list was graciously begun and maintained for many years by Jean Vermette in Bangor. It is now operated by Zack Paakkonen of Portland. It's crept somewhat beyond a social activities newsletter into a business directory, classified ad service, and community bulletin board. Someday, it may also become a website.

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! However, outside events (such as holiday fairs, festivals, the local chamber of commerce, etc.) that are not focused on the GLBTQI community and do not have a significant GLBTQI component will not be listed in the FAN.

ARE THERE ANY DEADLINES OR REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING?

If you want to be sure that your posting will make it into the next issue, please send it to zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org 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. I accept postings from FAN subscribers only, no obscenity is allowed, and I reserve the right to not include a posting for any reason (although if I do reject a post, I will attempt to let you know the reason).

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org

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 LGBTQI status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need. Also, listings are posted with information as is submitted to me, and I do not verify them so have no independent knowledge of the accuracy, truth, or falsity of any posts, events, advertisements, job listings, rental listings, etc. Respond at your own risk. Please note also that FAN issues may show up in your inbox as coming from thefan@maine.rr.com instead of from zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org due to technicalities of the internet and the vagaries of your ISP and e-mail program. It's still the same FAN from the same sender.