


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

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TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
THE MORE FOLKS WHO TAKE PART, THE BETTER.**

1 NOVEMBER 2004

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY!

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NOTES #1:) Now that the political season is over, The FAN will no longer be forwarding "political announcements" from the varying parties and camps.

(REMINDERS #1:) You can help the newsletter by sending me notices of upcoming GLBTI-related activities that you hear about in your area. Trust me, I would rather receive the same notice from 8 people than have everyone assume that I know about it and miss the chance to tell other GLBTI family members. Email megress@tds.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION: Eastern Maine AIDS Network, an agency that provides case management services for people with HIV and innovative prevention programs for northern Maine, is seeking an executive director. The Director's responsibilities include: overall management of a 7-person, \$400K organization, providing strong leadership and ability to communicate effectively; and oversee grants, contracts, and fundraising. Required: demonstrated experience managing: staff, grants, and familiarity with social services with good organizational, speaking and writing skills. Bachelor's degree required, masters preferred. Comprehensive benefits include medical, dental and life insurance. Please send a cover letter and resume by Nov. 15 to: Search Committee, EMAN, P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04402-2038.

EVENTS:

- * **NOV 1 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.
- * **NOV 2 (Tuesday)**, Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 2 (Tuesday)**, Belfast, **GBTI Men's Support Group**. Sponsored by MEN'S RESOURCES of the Coastal AIDS Network. Meets at Belfast Center, 9 Field St. FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 4 (Thursday)**, Waterville, Colby College, 7:30 pm, **Bishop Gene Robinson (gay Episcopalian bishop)** from New Hampshire will be at Colby to speak on "The Politics of Polarization and the Search for Community", Lorimer Chapel. FMI call Kate O'Halloran, Goldfarb Center, 859-5319.
- * **NOV 4 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Man2Man**, 6-8 p.m., (for gay/bi/trans men) meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. This is a chance to meet and socialize with other like-minded individuals from the area and guests from all over. Occasional discussions include dating issues, relationships, eroticizing sex, and other topics relevant to mens' health. Meetings, calls, etc are completely confidential. Names and other information are not kept or given out. FMI Jason at 990-3626.
- * **NOV 5 (Friday)**, Ellsworth, **Downeast Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) meets at 6 pm at the Downeast AIDS Network offices in Ellsworth. FMI Mike at 667-3506 or at downeast_outright@yahoo.com

- * **NOV 5 (Friday)**, Rockport, Greater Belfast/Camden/Rockland Area **social/support group for lesbians over 40**. From 6:30-8:30 pm at the By-Water Cafe in Rockport. Coffee and pastries are available for purchase. FMI contact Pat at 763-3115 or at patput@midcoast.com
- * **NOV 7 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 1:00 - 3:30 pm, group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI/location/directions etc. contact Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com or call Virginia at 338-1729
- * **NOV 7 (Sunday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 5-7 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI Native Americans AND their friends and supporters (whether Native American or not). Individuals are encouraged to bring a snack or drink. One of our goals is to create a circle of friends to share stories, snacks, etc. within a Native American context. FMI contact Sharon at 990-0605.
- * **NOV 9 (Tuesday)**, Waldoboro, **GBTI Men's Support Group**. Sponsored by MEN'S RESOURCES of the Coastal AIDS Network. FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 10, (Wednesday)**, Ellsworth Area, **Gay/Bi/Trans/Intersex Men's Potluck Dinner**, 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time call Mike at 667-3506 or email Wayne at wayne@mrlanguage.com
- * **NOV 12 (Friday)**, MDI, **New Moon Star-Gazing Hike** on the carriage trails of Acadia National Park. Hike starts at 7:00 pm. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 OR at megress@tds.net
- * **NOV 12 (Friday)**, Rockland, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) meets at Youthlinks Building on Broadway St (next to Rockland HS), 7 - 9:30 p.m., FMI contact Carolyn coastaloutright@coastalaidnetwork.org or at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 13 (Saturday)**, Bar Harbor, 1 pm, **Pottery Party Day**. Meet at "All Fired Up" on Cottage St in Bar Harbor (not far from the Shop-N-Save). You purchase one (or more) blank pieces of bisque pottery (about 300 designs to choose from), pay a \$10 fee for all your paints and the firing, and then paint/glaze your pottery however you want. Make something for yourself or gifts for others! This is fun for both GLBTI adults AND their children! Kids will be welcomed! FMI Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net
- * **NOV 14 (Sunday)**, Augusta, 4 - 6 p.m., **Transcare2000 Social Support Group, for transgendered individuals**, their families, friends, partners and interested professionals age 18 or older. This month will be the 1st annual Thanksgiving dinner and social. This is a moderated group to provide non-sexual social time to explore gender in a safe environment. Donations asked to help defray the cost of room rental. FMI contact Marty at 582-8779 or at martyrnc@earthlink.net
- * **NOV 15 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.
- * **NOV 16 (Tuesday)**, Belfast, **GBTI Men's Support Group**. Sponsored by MEN'S RESOURCES of the Coastal AIDS Network. Meets at Belfast Center, 9 Field St. FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 16 (Tuesday)**, Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 17 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6 pm. Join our group every other month for dinner at a different area restaurant. The November Eat-Out will be held at **The Courtyard Grille** (lower Hammond St, across from the Courthouse, it used to be Mama B's kitchen and now has a new owner). **Reservations are needed**. FMI or to reserve, contact Jean at 862-2063 or email megress@tds.net no later than Tuesday, November 16th.
- * **NOV 18 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Man2Man**, 6-8 p.m., (for gay/bi/trans men) meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. This is a chance to meet and socialize with other like-minded individuals from the area and guests from all over. Occasional discussions include dating issues, relationships, eroticizing sex, and other topics relevant to mens' health. Meetings, calls, etc are completely confidential. Names and other information are not kept or given out. FMI Jason at 990-3626.
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- * **NOV 20 (Saturday)**, MDI, **daytime hike** on the trails of Acadia National Park. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net
- * **NOV 20 (Saturday)**, Portland, **Bean Suppah**, to benefit the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, seatings at 5:30 pm and at 7:00 pm, at the Williston West Church, tickets sold at the door. FMI MGMC at 772-1384 or on the web site at www.maine-gay-mens-chorus.org
- * **NOV 23 (Tuesday)**, Waldoboro, **GBTI Men's Support Group**. Sponsored by MEN'S RESOURCES of the Coastal AIDS Network. FMI call Paul at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 26 (Friday)**, Rockland, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) meets at Youthlinks Building on Broadway St (next to Rockland HS), 7 - 9:30 p.m., FMI contact Carolyn coastaloutright@coastalaidnetwork.org or at 338-6330.
- * **NOV 26 (Friday)**, MDI, **Full Moon Night Hike** on the carriage trails of Acadia National Park. Hike starts at 7:00 pm. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 OR at megress@tds.net

BUSINESSES

(NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTI-OWNED BUSINESS and GLBTI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS):

The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone next on December 15. If you are a GLBTI business owner or an "out" GLBTI business person associating with a non-GLBTI-owned business (within a 50 mile radius of Bangor) who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Jean at megress@tds.net or at 862-2063.

GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

The Charles O. Howard Foundation promotes education about diversity, acceptance, and tolerance. The foundation organizes a number of social events throughout the year to help raise funds for its work. Friendly volunteers are always needed. FMI contact Dan at 942-9319 or Gary at 299-0720. Or check the web sites at www.charlesohoward.org or at www.mainevoices.org

Equality Maine (formerly MLGPA), 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 mlgpa@mlgpa.org and the web site is www.mlgpa.org

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN). To promote the safety and well-being of all students and teachers in our schools, without regard to sexual orientation. We undertake to educate and train school personnel, and to reach out to students who may be questioning their sexual orientation or who know that they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. 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 244-3837 or 667-2358. OR check the local web site at www.bridgesofrespect.net OR check the national web site at www.glsen.org

Gays And Lesbians Adopting (GALA), a support group and resource exchange for LGBTI foster and adoptive families in Maine. Monthly family-friendly potlucks (usually the third Saturday of the month) in Portland or Lewiston area, open to meeting in other areas if local hosts are available. FMI and to be informed of upcoming events, email mainegala@hotmail.com or call Kate or Erica at 773-3023.

Mainely Bears is a social group in Maine for gay bears and their admirers. Most of our events are held in the Mid-Coast and Downeast areas from Brunswick to Camden, Belfast, Waterville, Bangor, Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, to Machias. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact Rick at mainelybears@hotmail.com OR write to us at Mainely Bears, PO Box 8318, Bangor, ME 04402-8318 OR check the web site at www.mainelybears.org for upcoming activities.

Northern Maine Pride works to promote pride within our community and diversity and acceptance outside our community. They sponsor a variety of social and pride events during the year and are always looking for new members and volunteers to help with planning and organizing. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 4 pm. FMI call Dave at 884-4272, or 1-866-868-glb. www.northernmainepride.com OR email: northernmainepride@earthlink.net

Transcare 2000 provides transsexual education, professional educational seminars, group moderation, counseling, and referrals for the trans community. Private duty nursing care and consultations by a registered nurse for post-operative transsexuals. Presentations on "Post Operative Transsexuals, a Study of Integration." FMI contact Marty at martyrc@earthlink.net OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at <http://www.transcare2000.com>

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

If you are a GLBTI family member who has a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) that you would like to rent to another GLBTI family member, OR if you are a GLBTI family member looking for a living space to rent from another GLBTI family member, then this is the category to post to. Send your listings to me, Jean, at megress@tds.net

Augusta, apartment for rent. Two bedrooms, secluded patio, off street parking for one car, heat and hot water included, downstairs. No dogs allowed. On Jefferson Street. New owner and management. Very quiet. Rent \$525. Deposit \$495. FMI call Natty at 207-621-0554 any time.

Bangor, house rental wanted. I am looking to rent a house somewhere in Bangor. I have 2 cats who are housebroken and very clean. Minimum requirements: two bedroom, price range \$550.00 - \$750.00. Contact Gary at gm1956@adelphia.net

Bangor, apartment for rent. First floor. Bedroom, office, living room, dining room, bath, kitchen. Washer/dryer hookup. Close to downtown and bus line. One off-street parking space. New, zoned, hot water baseboard heat. Cat acceptable. Non-smoking. References needed. One year lease. \$550/month plus utilities. Contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

PERSONALS:

No personals this issue.

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

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to megress@tds.net (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" in the subject line).

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTI (gay/les/bi/trans/intersexed) community. It is sent out on

the 1st and 15th of each month. It is centered in Bangor and covers a 50 mile radius around the city.

WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTI-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 GLBT 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 GLBTI "couples with children", that would be fine.

CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTI 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-GLBTI-friendly", then do it!

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: megress@tds.net

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 GLBTI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify "queer" status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need.