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

**FORWARD THIS OR PASS IT AROUND
TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
THE MORE FOLKS WHO TAKE PART, THE BETTER.**

15 September 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Public Debate on the GLBTI Civil Rights referendum question! Michael Heath vs Ted O'Meara! See SEP 20 below.

(NEWS #2:) Down East AIDS Network's Annual AIDS Awareness Walk, see OCT 1 below.

(NEWS #3:) Your editor (Jean) will be on vacation from October 8th - 16th, so there will be no OCT 15 issue of the FAN. If you have an event that will be taking place between October 15th and November 15th, the deadline for getting me the notice for that will be September 30th so that I can put it in the October 1st issue.

(NOTES #1:) Have you ever wanted to learn quilting? See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(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:

This category is for non-social notices about GLBTI community members that you think other GLBTI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, new jobs, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.

Beginner's Quilt Classes. Classes are held in Madison. Sign up to start this fall. Learn the basics of machine quilting. Your classes can run as long as it takes you to complete your project. You need to supply yourself with materials needed. I will teach you to measure, cut, and sew your quilt. Creating something you can be proud of can be lots of fun. Use of sewing machine available at an extra fee per class. You can arrange day or evening classes. FMI and pricing contact Brenda at 696-4967.

EVENTS:

* **SEP 16 (Friday)**, Trenton, **Out on MDI Potluck**, 6 pm-ish, at Kim's house. This is a social potluck drop-in open to anyone lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. FMI and/or directions email Ann at alfhildanda@mac.com or call Kim at 664-0994.

* **SEP 16 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Party for Equal Rights**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at the home of Suzanne Brunner, 49 Sixteenth St. **Please RSVP by calling 947-6274.** Additional info about the party is available at www.mainewontdiscriminate.com/brunner

* **SEP 17 (Saturday)**, Seal Harbor on Mt. Desert Island, a **full-moon beach-lounge**. Those who want to can join up to do dinner somewhere in Bar Harbor beforehand, and then we can drive down to Seal Harbor, put out blankets on the beach, and sit and chat under the light of the moon. Twilight ends at 7:08 pm, moon rises at 6:41 pm. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **SEP 19 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

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* **SEP 19 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

* **SEP 20 (Tuesday)**, Orono, the "official" debate on the November GLBTI civil rights referendum. This will be held at UMO at 7 pm in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building, room 100 (which is a big amphitheater), and is sponsored by the University of Maine Student Government/Guest Lecture Series. The two sides will be represented by David Heath of the Christian Civic League and Ted O'Meara of Maine Won't Discriminate and will be moderated by John Greenman of Maine Public Television. Questions will be asked by the student audience. Doors open at 6:30 for UMO students and at 6:45 for the public. Seating is limited, so arrive early. FMI contact Derek Mitchell at derek_mitchell@umit.maine.edu

* **SEP 22 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Thursday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **SEP 23 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Points Sheraton at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com

* **SEP 23 (Friday)** Rockland, **Rainbow Family Potlucks**, 6 pm, at the First Universalist Church at 345 Broadway in Rockland. The Rainbow Family includes LGBTIQ people and their family, friends, and allies. These gatherings provide the opportunity for us to gather as a community, to enjoy each other's company over a great meal, and to share information. Please come and bring a friend. If you would like to be on our email list to be notified of future events, or if you have questions, email Annie and Lucie at lbak@att.net. See you there!

* **SEP 26 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

* **SEP 29 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Thursday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **SEP 30 - OCT 2 (Friday-Sunday)**, Augusta, the semi-annual **Gay Men Together (GMT) gathering**. Every spring and fall GMT hosts about 80 guys in central Maine, creating an opportunity for men to come together and celebrate being gay, unfettered, alive, and without shame. Registrations are now being accepted for GMT Fall 2005. If you register (and pay) by August 1st, there is a discount on the registration fee. FMI check the web site at <http://www.gaymentogogether.net> or email Mark at gaymentogogether@comcast.net

* **SEP 30 (Friday)**, Brewer, **"Dining With The First Timers"**, a benefit for the Howard Foundation. Tickets for this event are going fast, and dinner reservations should be made by SEP 26th! Enjoy social time, a silent auction, dinner, and a show...all to help the Howard Foundation. This will be at Jeff's Catering, on Coffin Ave, in Brewer. The social and silent auction hour is from 6-7 pm. Dinner will be 7-8:15 pm, and the show will be from 8:30-11 pm. Tickets at \$20/single or \$35/couple. The show will feature performers doing what they are doing for the First Time: being on stage, doing their acts, and (for some of them) being dressed in fashion you are not accustomed to seeing them in! The President and Vice-president have stepped up to the plate for this one. It promises to be a fun-filled evening with lots of laughter! FMI contact Dan at 942-9319 or knead2@netscape.com

* **OCT 1 (Saturday)**, Ellsworth, the **Down East AIDS Network's annual AIDS Awareness Walk**. The 3-mile family-friendly walk starts at the Ellsworth Middle School track (20 Forrest Ave) and heads down beautiful Shore Road. Everyone is welcome, including pets. Registration starts at 9 am; the walk begins at 10 am. For a sponsor sheet, please contact D.E.A.N. at 667-3506, download one at <http://www.downeastaidnetwork.org> or pick one up at the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be served and an awards ceremony will be held after the walk. The annual fundraiser helps support AIDS prevention programs for schools, workplaces, recovery centers, and other community groups. FMI contact Chris Reed at 667-3506

* **OCT 2 (Sunday)**, Acadia National Park, **foliage kayak on Long Pond**. Bring your own kayak. We will leave from the northern end of Long Pond (on RT 102) and paddle the length of the lake and back (a total of about 8 miles). FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **OCT 2 (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

* **OCT 2 (Sunday)** Auburn, 4 - 6 p.m., **Transcare2000 Social Support Group, for transgendered individuals**, their families, friends, partners and interested professionals age 18 or older. This is a moderated group to provide non-sexual social time to explore gender in a safe environment. FMI contact Marty at 582-8779 or at martymc@earthlink.net

* **OCT 3 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

* **OCT 6 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Thursday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **OCT 5 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.

* **OCT 6 (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.

* **OCT 7 (Friday)**, Rockport, Greater Belfast/Camden/Rockland Area **social/support group for lesbians over 40**. From 6:30-8:30 pm FMI and meeting place contact Pat at 763-3115 or at patput@midcoast.com

* **OCT 8 (Saturday)**, Belfast, 6:00-ish to 8:30-ish, **lesbian potluck**. Join us for the Second Saturday Supper Gatherings at Virginia's place, a third floor walkup in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call Virginia at 338-1729 or email atbay@midmaine.com

* **OCT 10 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

* **OCT 12 (Wednesday)** Ellsworth Area, **Gay Guyz Group (GGG) Potluck Dinner**, 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at wayne@mrlanguage.com

* **OCT 13 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Thursday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **OCT 14 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Points Sheraton at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com

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 check the web sites at www.charlesohoward.org or at www.mainevoices.org

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, 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

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), is New England's leading 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. Mainers can call GLAD's free, confidential hotline from 1:30 - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday, at 1-800-455-4523 to receive legal information, resources, and referrals to lawyers in Maine. Mainers can also visit GLAD's website to read more about the law in Maine and to download publications about your rights at <http://me.glad.org> FMI contact GLAD's Maine Outreach Coordinator, Stephen Farrand, at sfarrand@glad.org or at 899-9488.

Howard Foundation. This is a foundation dedicated to building a permanent scholarship endowment for high school seniors and post secondary students. The foundation focuses on students who are entering any profession that promotes diversity and a better understanding of differences in people within our communities. Guidelines for allotting the scholarships are presently being formulated. A second goal for the foundation is to establish a 3-day festival called "Multi-Cultural Days - Bangor" which will be open to every ethnic/cultural group in Maine with a focus on education, food, music/entertainment, dancing, and inspirational speakers. People interested in being on the Planning Committee, or being involved in any way, can contact Dan Williams at 942-9319 or at knead2@netscape.com.

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

bgrbear@hotmail.com OR write to us at Mainely Bears, PO Box 8318, Bangor, ME 04402-8318 OR check the web site at www.mainelybears.com 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 Monday at 7 pm. FMI write Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04401 OR www.northernmainepride.com

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 martyrnc@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, rooms for rent in private home. Private 2nd floor bedroom & living room (furnished) in a quiet West End neighborhood. Rent includes heat, hot water, electricity, TV, cable, high speed internet, semi-shared bathroom, full use of kitchen, use of porch and fenced yard, off street parking, easy access to highway. No pets, no smoking. We are a lesbian couple looking to rent to one quiet, clean lesbian. Rent is \$550/month with a \$550 deposit and a negotiable 12-month lease. Space is available on 08/15/05. FMI contact Connie at conniep@adelphia.net

Augusta, apartments for rent. Great location, gay manager, pet friendly, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments in very quiet building. Get a \$100 discount on your first month's rent. FMI call Natty at 207-623-5090 or cell at 441-7701.

Bangor, apartment for rent. 1 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, small office, bath. Mid-town, first floor, near bus route. No smoking, no dogs. References and lease needed. Rent is \$550/month plus utilities. Available September 1st. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

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

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at atbay@midmaine.com OR at 338-1729.

Bridgton, apartment for rent. One bedroom, kitchen, bath, living room (with fieldstone fireplace), off-street parking, close to town. 45 minutes to Portland, 25 minutes to Windham. No pets, no smokers. Rent \$800/month includes heat, hot water, electricity. FMI contact Merle at wailmerle@verizon.net

Eddington, housemates wanted. Looking for gay, bi, gay-friendly professional and/or graduate students only to share large, furnished home in Eddington. Wide pine floors, living room, dining room, large kitchen, fireplaces, storage, and enough other rooms for each of 3 tenants to have two private rooms each. Very comfortable. No pets, drugs, or heavy drinking. Smokers OK if you smoke outside. Free use of hot tub, ping pong table, washer and dryer, 36 inch cable TV. Only 20-25 minutes to the UMaine campus. The rent for each person would be \$425/month plus utilities. Security deposit, lease, and references from the last place you lived. Available June 15th, 2005. FMI contact Scott at chefguy@adelphia.net

Fairfield, house sharing available. Professional male seeks same to help me with expenses by sharing my home in Fairfield. Must love my 3 small dogs! Call Steve at 453-7401 for details or interviews.

Gardiner, roommate desired. Lesbian with two dogs seeking clean, responsible, non-smoker to share large 2nd floor apartment. Please call Eileen at 441-2785 or email hearme@natisp.com

Lincolntonville, house for rent. On Levenseller Pond. One bedroom downstairs. Open loft. Wood stove and gas monitor heater. Large porch. Screen house down by the pond. New dock. Plenty of space to garden. Twelve minutes to Camden or Belfast. \$600/month plus utilities. FMI contact Pat at 763-3115.

Montville, house sharing. I have a beautiful house to share in Montville, a convenient drive to Camden, Belfast, Augusta, Waterville, and Rockland. My home has 2 bathrooms and the entire upstairs is available. I live on a dirt road with lots of woods and good place to walk or kayak, but am only 1 mile from Rt 3. I have a fire place and a screened-in deck, plus a good garden spot. I have one old, very lovable kitty and keep the place neat and clean and quiet. Let me know if you may be interested or have someone contact me if you know of someone else who may be interested. Thanks! FMI call Marcy at 589-4177.

Orland, room for rent. Mature gay man looking for someone similar to rent space in my home. There would be a private bedroom and bath, and communal space which includes kitchen, dining room, and living room. I am looking for a congenial, responsible, single man, a non-smoker, social drinker, who would respect the house and our relationship as landlord and tenant and perhaps share some of the home duties. No pets as I already have a cat. Cost would be \$350/month. FMI call Jim at 469-2612. Best times to call are 8 am to 1 pm and then 4 pm to 8 pm.

Portland, room for rent. Bedroom in large 3-bedroom Victorian apartment in USM neighborhood. Share apartment with lesbian-feminist author. Quiet house, great neighbors, fab landlord. \$400 includes heat and hot water. Basement, two porches. No pets, no drugs, no smoking. References. Available in August. FMI contact Carolyn at 774-4231.

PERSONALS:

Young (at heart) woman, 50+ looking for Ms. Right. Could it be u? Mature, but with a sense of adventure. Happy, but can be serious at times. Financially sound, not musically but \$ wise. A professional woman with a sense of self. Enjoy being with a partner, but has other interests as well. I am a professional woman seeking companionship, and maybe more. I love dancing, dining and dazzling my love. Are you ready? lrv2danzwithu@hotmail.com

SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:

If you're 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.

For Sale. Troy Built, "Horse" model, roto-tiller (1979). Still runs good. \$500. FMI contact Mike at polarpops@verizon.net

SOCIAL GROUPS (MORE THAN 50-MILES FROM BANGOR):

COASTAL WOMEN'S CONNECTION. A women's social group that covers the coastal area from about Brunswick to Portland. Dances, BBQs, softball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI and to get on mailing list contact Betsy at giftedhantz@hotmail.com

LAVENDER LETTERS. A snail mail newsletter for lesbian-identified women in the Washington County (Machias) area. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Gillyn at Lavender Letters, 9 Bobcat Path, Machias, ME 04654

SEACOAST SAPPHOS. A women's social group that covers the area from about Portland to Portsmouth. 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

SINGLE OLDER LESBIAN ORGANIZATION (SOLO). A group for single, older (45 years and up), lesbian-identified women, in the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Kathy at naturalpet@suscom-maine.net or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/sololesbians/>

SOLO-N-FRIENDS. A loosely organized women's group which often meets for restaurant meals and social conversation. We also do a variety of different activities that are of interest to those who attend. Solo-N-Friends is made up of the members of SOLO and women-loving-women (lesbian, bi, trans) of any age, whether single or partnered. We serve the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Janet at janet@4footloose.com or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/>

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.