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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.

1 DECEMBER 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) 'Tis the Holiday season and there are lots and lots of parties, dinners, shows, and other things going on to benefit a variety of worthy causes. Check 'em all out, and do what you can to help.

(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.

1. The non-profit United World Citizens (www.unitedworldcitizens.org), based in Bar Harbor, is organizing a fundraising raffle to raise money for earthquake victims in Pakistan and India. Proceeds will go to Dr's Without Borders, the international non-profit organization that has received the Nobel Peace Prize for it's disaster relief efforts around the world. Although there has been limited national news coverage of it, this has been one of the worst natural disasters in recent history. There are 2 million people left homeless and without shelter as winter approaches in the mountains of Pakistan and India and it is a "race against time" to try to save them. If that isn't enough incentive to buy raffle tickets, we hope the universal attraction to gambling on such great prizes will do the trick!

We are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at tables in various stores in Bar Harbor, Ellsworth and Bangor. We are also looking for folks who would be willing to take booklets of tickets and sell them to friends and relatives.

FIRST PRIZE is a shopping trip to Bangor including: a night at the Charles Hotel, lunch for two at Taste of India, dinner for two at the New Moon Cafe and about $300.00 in gift certificates to Bangor area businesses (Grasshopper Shop, Betts Book Store, Bagel Deli, Rebecca's Gifts, Natural Living Center, World Over Imports, tickets to Penobscot Theater and much more). SECOND PRIZE is a night at the Fairfield Inn in Bangor and dinner for two at Olive Garden. THIRD PRIZE is tickets for two to the Bangor Symphony. Tickets price is $5.00 for one or $20.00 for 6. Drawing date is January 9/06.

We hope you will join our efforts to help these folks in need! For more info please email blh@prexar.com or call Bobbie Lynn at 288 9808.

2. Planning meetings for the 2006 Maine Youth Summit are about to begin. The Maine Youth Summit is a place for youth

22 and under to come together for a weekend of community organizing and education to address health and other issues of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) young people. While the focus of the summit will continue to be on GLBTQ youth health issues, this year we would like to make a commitment to incorporate more issues and address oppression as a whole. The Maine Youth Summit has historically taken place in June, and this year we want to put on a 3-day event instead of the usual 2-day event. The event is organized by Portland Outright (www.outright.org)

Here's where you come in!!! It's time to start planning this year's Youth Summit, and we'd like your help. We are looking for youth 22 and under from around the state to be on the 2006 Planning Committee. We welcome youth of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, classes, abilities, political affiliations, religious or spiritual beliefs, health statuses, etc. who have a commitment to creating a fabulous Youth Summit that addresses health for GLBTQ youth. The Planning Committee will be a space for youth to plan the Summit with their ideas, skills and voices. We encourage adults (23 and over) to support the youth involved.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st, from 11 am - 2 pm (lunch included), at the Portland Outright offices in Portland. Future meeting times and locations will be discussed at the first meeting. Reimbursement for travel can be arranged.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 24 (including if you are coming for lunch or just the meeting). FMI, or if you have questions, please contact Kolby at 207-828-6560 or by email at Outright_transition@yahoo.com We look forward to seeing you!!!

EVENTS:

* **DEC 1 (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

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* **DEC 2 (Friday),** Hallowell, the **Augusta Area Lesbian Happy Hour**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at the Higher Grounds, on Water Street in Hallowell (next to the Liberal Cup). If anyone plans to come alone and is concerned about that, please be assured we are a very friendly group and you will be made very welcome. Hope to see you there! FMI email Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com

* **DEC 2 (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

* **DEC 4 (Sunday),** East Blue Hill, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Caren & Gabrielle's place. FMI/location/directions etc. contact Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com or call Virginia at 338-1729

* **DEC 4 (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 martyrnc@earthlink.net

* **DEC 5 (Monday),** Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

* **DEC 7 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.

* **DEC 8 (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

* **DEC 9 (Friday),** Bangor, **Drag Show to benefit Eastern Maine AIDS Network**. The show will be at KARMA (123 Franklin St, under the Panda Garden Restaurant) and begins at 9:30 pm. Age 21+, the price is $3/person. FMI contact Jason at 990-3626.

* **DEC 9 (Friday),** Brewer, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 6 pm to ?. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour upstairs at the Detour Bar-N-Grill, 611-B Wilson St, in Brewer. Parking is free. 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

* **DEC 9-11 (Friday-Sunday),** Portland, The Maine Gay Men's Chorus, 14th Annual Holiday Concert, AN EVENING IN DECEMBER. FMI check the web site at www.mainegaymenschorus.org

* **DEC 10 (Saturday),** Bangor Area, **meeting of the new "All Ages" GLBT social group**, for time/location and FMI about the group and its events contact Sarah at flyingfrog1979@hotmail.com

* **DEC 10 (Saturday),** Eddington, **Mainely Bears Christmas Party & Yankee Swap**. This will be at the Clewley Farm Restaurant in Eddington (right on Rt 9). The restaurant will be open at 5:00 pm and the event will start at 7:00 pm. This will be a social evening to meet old friends and make new friends. This event is open to all interested guys and you do **not** have to be a member to attend. FMI check the web site at www.mainelybears.com or email mainelybears@hotmail.com or email bgrguy69@yahoo.com

* **DEC 10 (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 vabay@verizon.net

* **DEC 11 (Sunday),** Bar Harbor, 3 pm - ?, **GLBTI Holiday Gathering at Cafe Bluefish**! Christmas Carol Sing Along from 3 to 5 pm, Holiday shopping at our jewelry "boutique" (LOTS of Mexican jewelry just arrived from Taxco to raise money for United World Citizens), light fare or full dinners available, wine, beer, cocktails (all profit from food/beverage sales to benefit United World Citizens). FMI or to make reservations call Cafe Bluefish at 288-3696 or Bobbie Lynn at 288-9808.

* **DEC 11 (Sunday),** Brewer, The Starlight Performers will be doing a **benefit performance** for the Bangor and Brewer homeless shelters to provide them with Christmas dinner and presents. The performance theme is **"Show Tune Mania"** and the show will be at the Detour Bar-N-Grill on Wilson St in Brewer, starting at 8:30 pm. The Starlight Performers are a wonderful group of men and women who love to perform so that you can enjoy a Sunday evening. They donate the money from every show to a worthy cause. (NOTE: If a customer brings in a NEW wrapped gift, labeled as to whether it is for a child or an adult, he/she will get a discount on either a well drink or an appetizer from the kitchen.) FMI call 989-3386 or email clubdetourbrewer@aol.com See you there!

* **DEC 14 (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

* **DEC 15 (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

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* **DEC 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.

* **DEC 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

* **DEC 23 (Friday),** Brewer, The Starlight Performers will be doing a **benefit performance** for the Bangor and Brewer homeless shelters to provide them with Christmas dinner and presents. The performance theme is **"All I Want for Christmas"** and the show will be at the Detour Bar-N-Grill on Wilson St in Brewer, starting at 8:30 pm. The Starlight Performers are a wonderful group

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* **DEC 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!

* **DEC 28 (Wednesday),** Brewer, Club Detour proudly presents HOLIDAY WITH THE FIRST TIMERS, **a Dinner/Show to benefit the Howard Foundation**. Dinner is from 6 - 7:30 pm and the show is from 7:30 - 9 pm. Dinner will be gourmet pasta with a choice of sauces; the show (featuring The First Timers) was a great success at its first presentation. Tickets are $12 single dinner/show, $20 couple dinner/show, $8 single for the show only. THERE WILL BE LIMITED SEATING FOR THE DINNER. Tickets can be purchased at Club Detour (on Wilson St in Brewer), or by calling Dan at 942-9319

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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 national web site at www.glsen.org

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD). On November 8th, Maine's voters embraced fairness for all its citizens by voting overwhelmingly to retain its anti-discrimination law. To learn about and protect your rights under this law, visit GLAD's website at www.glad.org or call the free legal 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.

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 knead24u@yahoo.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 martymc@earthlink.net OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at http://www.transcare2000.com

The Transgender Fund. With offices in Freeport, Maine, The Transgender Fund is a national, completely independent, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable foundation. It has been created by and for transgendered individuals. Our funding is derived from contributions by caring individuals of all levels of means. Our strength and independence come from the fact that there is no single benefactor who has seeded the Fund with a large amount of capital. Contributions you make are added to those of your sisters and brothers. Individually, they may seem modest, but collectively they add up to a powerful force that is reinvested in the support of projects fostering the well-being of all our gender variant minorities. FMI write The Transgender Fund, PO Box 50, Freeport, Maine 04032 OR phone 207-846-7997 OR email info@tgfund.org OR check the web site at www.tgfund.org

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

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. Send your listings to me, Jean, at megress@tds.net

Augusta, apartment for rent. 2 BR, second floor, private patio, gay-friendly, $550/month, pets welcome. FMI call Natty at 207-623-8148 or cell at 441-7701.

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at vabay@verizon.net 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 professional and/or graduate students 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 $400/month plus utilities. Security deposit, lease, and references from the last place you lived. FMI contact Scott at chefguy@adelphia.net

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

Lincolnville, 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 Marcye at 589-4177.

Portland, room for rent, USM neighborhood. Room for rent with full kitchen privileges. Seeking female tenant for this gay/lesbian friendly, three-bedroom apartment to share with female professional writer. Separate phone line and cable hook-up, hardwood floors, front and back porches, yard, walk-in pantry, great neighbors and great landlord, off-street parking, garage, basement, recently remodeled kitchen, sunny, quiet, old Victorian. Furnished or not. $450 includes heat/hot water. No pets. No smoking. References required. FMI contact Carolyn at 774-4231.

Southwest Harbor, house for rent. On the water, 2BR, 2 decks, 1 full bath, 2 half baths, W/D, fully furnished. 1st, last, & security. Available now through May. No smoking. Pets allowed. $650/month. FMI call Mary Jo or Rhonda at 207-989-2099 or email lawlerlane@aol.com

PERSONALS:

Mature gay male (68) looking for a happy, sincere companion who is also looking for long-term loving mate. I have silver hair, blue eyes and would love to drop app. 20 lbs. <LOL> Maybe you could help?? I am a very romantic guy who is very respecting of a partner's special needs and personal interests. Honesty and trustworthiness are vitally important to any relationship that might develop. I am retired and love good music (especially classical), theatre, TV, movies, classical dance and more. Candle-light intimate dinners, nice wine by a winter's fireside, good conversation, physical spontaneity are very desirable. I am looking for a non-smoker, light social drinker who is also looking for a life-long companionship. I have a cat and would not want more pets at this time. I would like to hear from you. Please respond to prelude37_2000@yahoo.com

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.

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 Morgan at coastalwomensconnection@yahoo.com OR Betsy at giftedhanz@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 Gillyin 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.