



**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 MARCH 2006

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) A new GLBTI outdoor/sports organization is forming. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for details.

(NEWS #2:) Music for those who don't mind traveling:

A.) Lynn Deeves in concert. On Saturday, April 8, at 8 pm, at the Bear Mountain Inn in Waterford, Maine (near Bethel). The inn will be hosting a Lynn Deeves CD release party and "Womens Concert Series Weekend Getaway". Great package deals are available!! FMI check the inn's web site at www.bearmtinn.com/lynn_deeves_concert.html

B.) Lucie Blue Tremblay in concert. On Saturday, April 15th, at the Crooker Auditorium (which I presume is somewhere in the Brunswick-to-Portland area of Maine). Reception starts at 6 pm, concert starts at 7 pm. No word at this time on exact location or price for the concert. FMI contact Betsy at giftedhanz@hotmail.com

(NEWS #3:) Theatre for those who don't mind traveling:

A.) "The Trains of Painesville", a one-woman show (written by Maine playwright Linda Griffith) will be presented in Portland from March 23 - April 2. This is part of the Maine Short Play Festival sponsored by Acorn Theatre. The play revolves around a woman of dubious sanity whose female lover of 20 years has just dumped her. FMI email Linda at lg@lindagriffith.com

B.) "I Am My Own Wife". The Portland Stage Company will be presenting a powerful, transgender-themed, show: *I AM MY OWN WIFE*, from FEB 28 to MAR 26. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for more details.

(NEWS #4:) Farewell Party for Francine Frank. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(NOTES #1:) The Cabin Fever Reliever PUN Contest is still going on. You've got 2 more weeks to send me your best (or is it worst) original puns. Write them up, twist them around, and then send them to me, Jean, at megress@tds.net. All entries will be published in a special PUN MAILING that I'll do on April Fool's Day. The grand-prize winner will get a \$10 gift certificate to Borders Books.

(NOTES #2:) The new Northern Maine Pride board of directors is swinging into gear to get things planned for this year's PRIDE events. Input and volunteers are sought and welcomed. You can attend the general meetings (see the listings below) and/or give some input via email. The Northern Maine Pride board of directors wants to know: **What one or two things would you most like to see as part of this year's PRIDE events?** You can respond directly to the NMP board at info@northernmainepride.org

(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. Quotable Quote: On Wednesday, March 1st, 2006, in Annapolis at a hearing on the proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit gay marriage, Jamie Raskin, professor of law at AU, was requested to testify. At the end of his testimony, Republican Senator Nancy Jacobs said: "Mr. Raskin, my Bible says marriage is only between a man and a woman. What do you have to say about that?" Raskin replied: "Senator, when you took your oath of office, you placed your hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. You did not place your hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible." The room erupted into applause.

2. Farewell Party for Francine Frank. Fran will soon be leaving Maine and moving to Ohio as she pursues a career change. So, on Sunday afternoon, April 9th, from 2 - 5 pm, all of Fran's friends who can make it are invited to a "Good Luck Party" for her. The party will be at Judith's house in Trenton (721 Oak Point Rd). **NO GIFTS...please.** I am going to have a book/journal so anyone who wants to write words of encouragement, friendship, fond and funny memories, bring photos, etc...can contribute to a Maine memory book for Fran. We know we will see her again when she comes to visit; but want her to take all the good thought with her that we can possibly gather together. Food will be in the K.I.S.S. category...snacks and nibbles only. I will have coffee, soda, but bring your own wine etc. and any simple snack to share if you wish. FMI, directions, etc. contact Judith at 667-4449.

3. The Association of Maine Outdoorsfolk (AMO) is a new group of men and women of the GLBTI community of Maine who are enjoying hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hunting, (the list can go on and on). AMO provides a wonderful opportunity to meet others in a non-sexual environment focusing on similar outdoor interests. AMO will host picnics, fishing tournaments, and so much more. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of AMO, send me an email so we can get things rolling. FMI contact Charles at charlesboster@yahoo.com

4. The play *I Am My Own Wife* will be presented by the Portland Stage Company (in Portland) from FEB 28 - MAR 26. A profound and dynamic work that has become one of the most decorated plays in the American Theater, *I Am My Own Wife* was the winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and The 2004 Tony Award for Best Play. Inspired by the true story of Charlotte Von Mahlsdorf, a transvestite who, despite all odds, survived the Nazis and later the Communist regime in East Berlin. How did Charlotte manage to live when so many simply vanished? Did she collaborate with the enemy? Was she a spy? Miraculously, Charlotte transcended the evil around her with a sense of goodwill, gentle grace and moral purpose intact. Playwright Doug Wright spent years researching and interviewing Charlotte and in the process learned about a history that was beyond facts and figures - the stories of lives hidden behind the Iron Curtain. A tour de force for a single actor as he takes on 35 roles to tell this compelling and human story that asks questions about love, loyalty and when the truth is too dangerous to tell. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday. Following the performances on Wednesdays March 15th, and 22nd, there will be a post-show panel discussion with the performer, members of the local transgender community, and the audience. FMI and/or tickets contact the Portland Stage Company box office at 774-0465 or go to the web site at www.portlandstage.com

EVENTS:

* **MAR 15 (Wednesday)** Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6 pm. For all GLBTI folks. Join our group for dinner at different area restaurants. The March MEOP will be held at RUBY TUESDAY'S restaurant on Wilson Street in Brewer (right at the entrance to Wal-Mart). **Reservations are required.** FMI and/or to reserve, contact Jean at 862-2063 or email megress@tds.net.

* **MAR 15 (Wednesday)**, Augusta, **JUST GUYS**, a weekly, non-sexual, MSM social group meets at the Dayspring Offices (bottom floor), 9 Green St, in Augusta, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. JUST GUYS meets on Wednesday night each week sharing talk, movies, discussions, good fun, and good friends. Join us, bring a friend, come share! FMI contact Lew at 621-3794.

* **MAR 15 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond St Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for GLBTI's by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. By directly meeting their needs, Native GLBTI will give glbti individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **MAR 16 (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.

* **MAR 17 (Friday)**, Hallowell, The **Augusta Area Lesbian Happy Hour**, 6:30 - 8:30, at the Higher Grounds cafe, located on Water Street in Hallowell (next to the Liberal Cup). Come join us and have a great time! FMI contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com

* **MAR 17 (Friday)**, Brewer, **The Starlight Performers** will be doing a performance at the Detour Bar-N-Grill on Wilson St in Brewer, starting at 8:30 pm. The theme is: "Katrina's Potluck Show". The Starlight Performers are a wonderful group of men and women who love to perform so that you can enjoy a Friday evening. They donate the money from every show to a worthy cause. FMI call 989-3386 or email clubdetourbrewer@aol.com See you there!

* **MAR 18 (Saturday)**, Bangor, the monthly meeting of the **Reading-Aloud-Potluck**, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, at Jean's apartment. The format is: dinner from 5 - 6 pm. and then reading aloud from 6 - 8 pm. Each person attending is asked to bring something to eat, and at least 2 reading selections. Your reading selections can be poetry or prose, something you've read or something you've written, fiction or non-fiction, short stories, book chapters, magazine articles, essays, etc. The time is intended solely for the enjoyment of reading and listening to stories being read aloud. Each "reading" can last a maximum of 20 minutes...no minimum. If you feel uncomfortable actually reading aloud, you are still expected to bring your two contributions and we can find someone who will be willing to read for you. An RSVP that you will be attending is not required, but would be appreciated. FMI and/or directions contact Jean at megress@tds.net or at 862-2063.

* **MAR 20 (Monday)** Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

* **MAR 22 (Wednesday)**, Augusta, **JUST GUYS**, a weekly, non-sexual, MSM social group meets at the Dayspring Offices (bottom floor), 9 Green St, in Augusta, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. JUST GUYS meets on Wednesday night each week sharing talk, movies, discussions, good fun, and good friends. Join us, bring a friend, come share! FMI contact Lew at 621-3794.

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* **MAR 24 (Friday)** Rockland, **Rainbow Family Potlucks**, 6-8 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!

* **MAR 24 (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

* **MAR 25 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Of All Ages Get Together**, meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Borders Bookstore, 6 pm, in the coffee shop. We will discuss and have other activities also such as hiking, eating out, going to the movies, potluck dinners, etc. Come and have fun and make new friends. FMI contact Sandy at 848-4959 or email sandoster@adelphia.net

* **MAR 27 (Monday)** Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride General Meeting**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St, 7 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us to offer your ideas and help us plan for this year's PRIDE WEEK events and for the parade and festival in June. FMI call Forrest at 947-1081, email info@northernmainepride.org , or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

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* **MAR 31 (Friday)**, Brewer, **The Starlight Performers** will be doing a performance at the Detour Bar-N-Grill on Wilson St in Brewer, starting at 8:30 pm. The theme of the show is: "Simone's Comedy Show". The Starlight Performers are a wonderful group of men and women who love to perform so that you can enjoy a Friday evening. They donate the money from every show to a worthy cause. FMI call 989-3386 or email clubdetourbrewer@aol.com See you there!

* **APR 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 martyrnc@adelphia.net

* **APR 2 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 1-3:00 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 or email Virginia at vabay@verizon.net

* **APR 3 (Monday)** Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

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

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* **APR 7 (Friday)**, Brewer, **Jessi Mallory and the Lights Out Band**, will be playing at Club Detour in Brewer. Doors open at 8 pm. FMI check the Club Detour web site at www.clubdetour.us or call them at 989-3386.

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* **APR 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 vabay@verizon.net

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* **APR 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

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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 June 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 the State of Maine. We are a gay mens group open to gay, bisexual, and men who are not sure. We have events all over the state of Maine. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact Wayne 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.mainlybears.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 on various Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St in Bangor. (See listings above for actual dates.) FMI write Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04402-2815 or visit the web site at www.northernmainepride.org or email them at info@northernmainepride.org

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 marty@adelphia.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 building, \$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

Fairfield, house-sharing available. Near Waterville. Looking for a professional to share my home. Must be OK with my 3 small dogs. I am a 50 year old professional male, with a well-landscaped yard, flowers, shrubs, etc. Call Steven for details, 453-7401 evenings after 6 pm.

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

Orono, room for rent in LGBT home. Looking for a graduate student or no-traditional age undergraduate student to share our 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Our house is located 0.5 mi from Mill St in Orono, and 1.5 mi from UM campus on a quiet street. Our family is a Lesbian Mom/University professor and two 4.5 year old (twin) boys. The room for rent is furnished, but can also be rented empty. Two sets of stairs allow access to the room without disturbing others. There is a washer/dryer on the second floor. The rent is \$450/month and includes utilities and free entertainment by the twins. (This fall they have been performing selections from the musical OLIVER! Spring and summer it was CATS.) Only those who do not smoke and refrain from recreational use of drugs and alcohol need apply. No dogs, please. Available Jan 1. Contact Laurie at laurie@maine.edu

Plymouth, housesharing available. Looking for dependable, clean and open-minded individual to share home in Plymouth. Only 10 minutes to Newport and 20 to Bangor. Downstairs private bedroom and living room area with satellite television. Fully furnished, with own refrigerator. Willing to share use of remainder of the home which has large screen television in family room and hot tub on deck. Nice property with fireplace for summer gatherings. Asking \$450/month all utilities included. Owner has a small sheltie and willing to accept dog, if mild mannered. Cat's OK.....Please call Lorrie at 299-6400 and be willing to provide 3

references.

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:

SWF, 40, 5'-2", 115lbs. Soft butch seeking fem with similiar physicalities. Looking for someone who enjoys outdoor activities, eating out, movies, get togethers. Non-smoking, non-drugs. If interested, e-mail Susan at ideal567@yahoo.com.

Romantic italian (38) Looking for a great guy to become a good friend, true love and more. Need to be discreet at first if poss., as I am not out yet... but will be soon (to all but my family and co-workers). I have brown hair/eyes, 5' 6", average build (trying to get down to 140, at 161 now) I am a true romantic, very passionate and I am looking for the same. I love the movies (all types), cooking, baking, theater, rollerblading, biking, hiking and lots more. If you have any interest or would like to know more, please contact me at an_italian_nice_guy@yahoo.com, I will send pic's if you do the same (just ask what you would like; face, full shot, etc...). Some close friends know that I am gay, like my female roommate. I live in Ellsworth and am trying to meet someone within 50 miles.

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.

FOR SALE, 46" wide screen TV, Sony, 1 1/2 years old, GREAT condition. A must-sell for \$900 or best offer. Also, a pair of breeding cocatiels for sale with cage \$150. Need to find them a good home. FMI or if you have questions, call Jay at 667-6968 or email juan_mendez78@yahoo.com

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 OR you can check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/coastalwomensconnection>

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

OUTRIGHT - PORTLAND. An organization that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). Our programs are every Tuesday from 6-9 pm, the first Friday of the month from 6-9 pm, and the third Friday of every month from 6-10 pm. We are located at 43 Baxter Blvd on the 2nd floor. FMI contact Kolby Southwick, Program Coordinator at 828-6560 or at outright_transition@yahoo.com

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.