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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.

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NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Speak Up Speak Out: A survey of GLBTQ/Q youth to help improve services to them in the health and social services agencies. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for complete info.

(NEWS #2:) BANGOR PRIDE WEEK will be **Monday, May 29th through Sunday, June 4th**. Check out those dates below for info on what's happening. There's something for everyone!

(NEWS #3:) Seeking stories of LGBT Mainers. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for details.

(NEWS #4:) Poll results.

1. The results of the poll asking if there should be a PRIDE parade and if YOU would participate in one were quite interesting. A full 75% of the respondents said either that there **should** be a parade or that it didn't matter to them if there was one or not. Only 25% said that there shouldn't be a parade. On the other hand 76% of the respondents said that if there was a parade, they **wouldn't** take part in it, or would only take part if they knew the parade met certain requirements. Only 24% said that they would actually take part. Results have been given to the Northern Maine Pride committee, and it will up to them to decide what to do with them.

2. The results of the poll asking if you knew of Jane Olivor and if you would go to The Grand in Ellsworth to hear her were a little more logical. Nearly 80% of the respondents said they had never heard of her; and nearly 88% said they would either NOT attend or would attend only if certain conditions were met (great publicity, a certain day of week, not too far to travel, etc.) Results have been given to the inquiring group.

(NEWS #5:) Maine SpeakOut Project Volunteer Training. See the listing at MAY 13, and see the info about The Maine SpeakOut Project in the COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS category.

(NEWS #6:) Lesbian Health Project. A new listing in the COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS category. Check it out.

(NOTES #1:) Northern Maine Pride is looking for volunteers to help set up, maintain, and clean up for the Diversity Festival (listed below at JUN 3). There are 5 volunteers needed that morning to help set up from 9 am until noon. Three to six volunteers needed (in two-hour shifts) between noon and 6 pm to help run & maintain the festival. And then at least 5 folks needed from 6 to 7 pm to help clean up and remove tables & chairs back to the church.

(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. Family member Stephanie Reiser will be reading from her new book: Of Course Angels Can Fly. The reading will be on Sunday, May 21, from 3 - 5 pm, at The Chalice, in Pittsfield, Maine. There will be wine and cheese snacks and a question and answer session period, followed by

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a book signing. FMI call The Chalice at 207-487-2287 or check Stephanie's web site at www.stephaniereiser.com

2. Speak Up Speak Out survey is a project to gather information from LGBTQ/Q Maine residents age 18-29 (LGBTQ/Q is short hand for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and Questioning). What we learn will be written up with recommendations to state agencies as well as community-based health and social services agencies on how they can better serve our community. Social networks are our only "marketing" of the survey. Please encourage everyone you know who is a GLBTQ/Q Maine resident age 18-29 to complete the survey. GLBTQ/Q folks age 18-29 can access the survey via this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=244212002661> FMI or if you have questions, call Pam McCann at 874-1030

3. Seeking Stories of LGBT Mainers. Research shows that the more people know their gay and lesbian neighbors, the more likely they are to support LGBT rights, including marriage equality. GLAD (www.glad.org) is working with Equality Maine (www.equalitymaine.org) and others to find and tell the stories of LGBT Mainers - individuals, couples and families. You don't have to be a rock star or a rocket scientist for your story to be important. If you work, stay at home, go to church, serve in the armed forces, baby-sit your grandchildren, clip coupons, save to send the kids to college or for your retirement, we want to hear from you! If you are willing to be interviewed so that we can tell your story to fellow Mainers (or if you have a friend who's willing), please contact Ali Cashin at acashin@glad.org. You'll get a follow-up email explaining how we would write your story, and use it to advance LGBT rights. And spread the word!

EVENTS:

* **MAY 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.

* **MAY 1 (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

* **MAY 3 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.

* **MAY 3 (Wednesday)**, Unity, 8 pm, there will be a **candlelight memorial vigil** for two women Julianne Williams, and Laura "Lollie" Winans (Julianne Williams, 24, of St. Cloud, Minn., and Lollie Winans, 26, of Unity, Maine were found slain in June of 1996, just off the Appalachian Trail near Skyland Lodge in Shenandoah National Park.) The vigil will be on the Unity College campus (www.unity.edu). We will be walking a community nature trail (from campus to Connor Mill Trail). Candles will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This great and respectful event is being sponsored by Unity College's AE/AT (Adventure Education/Adventure Therapy) council of which Lollie was an Alum. If you need directions to the campus, or the beginning of the vigil (woodlot), email me, Chanel, at faight5by5@gmail.com.

* **MAY 3 (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

* **MAY 5 (Friday)**, Brewer, **Jessi Mallory and The Lights Out Band** will be playing at Club Detour on Wilson St. Show starts at 9 pm. Cost is \$6 for age 21+, \$12 for underage.

* **MAY 5 (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

* **MAY 5 (Friday)**, Bangor, 8 - 10 pm, the musical duo **LEMONGRASS**, Sue Daigle & Teresa Whitney (with special guest Chris Rutecki) will be playing at the cafe at Border's Books. Music to relax and soothe your soul. FMI contact Chris at chrisrutecki@hotmail.com

* **MAY 7 (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

* **MAY 7 (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

* **MAY 8 (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

* **MAY 10 (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

* **MAY 10 (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

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* **MAY 13 (Saturday)**, Portland, **Maine SpeakOut Project Volunteer Training**. From 9 am - 4 pm at 43 Baxter Blvd in Portland. Lunch and snacks will be provided. FMI call Pam at 874-1030 or email pmccann@commcc.org

* **MAY 15 (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

* **MAY 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.

* **MAY 17 (Wednesday)** Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6 pm. Join our group for dinner at different area restaurants. The May MEOP will be held at **Pepino's Mexican Restaurant** (on Stillwater Ave - across from the Hoyts Movie Center) **RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED**. FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or email megress@tds.net.

* **MAY 17 (Wednesday)**, Portland, **Beyond the L-Word**, an evening of semi-staged readings of three new one-act plays by Carolyn Gage. Directed by Carolyn Gage and Kristie Scribner. Readings will be at SPACE Gallery, 538 Congress St, Portland. Admission FREE (donations accepted). Evening funded in part by grants from the Maine Arts Commission and the Astraea Foundation. Three new one-act plays that go below the surface of lesbian lives, exploding gender roles in a swash-buckling swordfight between two warring casts of "Romeo and Juliet", delving deep into the politics of lesbian actress Eva Le Gallienne's backstage rape during a Broadway run, and opening up a window on the very closeted dynamics between two survivors of sexual violence. Followed by a talk-back by the playwright.

* **MAY 17 (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

* **MAY 19 (Friday)**, Brewer, **Lesbian (any age) Pool & Karaoke Night**, 6 pm to ? Interested in meeting other lesbians? Let's meet 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 478-4387 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com

* **MAY 19 (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

* **MAY 19 (Friday)**, Ellsworth, **A Drag-show fund-raiser** for Northern Maine Pride at the White Birches Motel on Rt 1. Show starts at 8 pm. FMI contact:

* **MAY 20 (Saturday)**, Bangor, the monthly **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 or excerpts, 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 I expect 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.

* **MAY 22 (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

* **MAY 24 (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

* **MAY 26 (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 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! **BENEFIT FOR NORTHERN MAINE PRIDE**

* **MAY 29 (Monday)**, Old Town, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, "Family Bowling For Diversity"**, at the Old Town Bowling Center (156 Center St). Registration is from 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Bowling is from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The cost is \$10/person which includes shoe rental and as many strings of bowling as you can roll in three hours. FMI contact: Brian at 942-0980

* **MAY 30 (Tuesday)**, Hudson, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, House Concert and potluck dinner with guest artist Martin Swinger**. Martin is a great singer/songwriter, and a great performer. This is how a house concert works: You show up at the house with a potluck food offering. You make a donation for the artist (suggested donation is \$10/person, ALL donations go directly to the artist). You and the other guests eat a great

potluck dinner and get to hob-nob with the artist. After dinner you are entertained with a close-up and cosy performance by the guest artist. This concert will be at the house of George Brissette (253 Old Town Rd, Hudson). RSVP PLEASE. Potluck starts at 6:30 pm. Concert starts at 8 pm. FMI and/or directions contact George at 327-1328.

* **MAY 31 (Wednesday)**, Eddington, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Restaurant Dinner Night**, at the Clewley Farm Restaurant (999 Main Rd, in Eddington....which is x miles from the Brewer/Eddington town line, on Rt 9). Dinner will be from 6 - 8 pm, and it will be a Mexican Food menu. Cost will depend on how many goodies you want to order off the menu. Dine with the Northern Maine Pride Committee and support Diversity. FMI contact Brian at 942-0980.

* **MAY 31 (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

* **JUN 1 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Booze Cruise on the Roxy Leigh**. Sponsored by KARMA. There will be a pre-party at KARMA from 7 - 8 pm. Transportation will be provided to and from the club to the boat. The cruise will be from 8 - 10 pm. There will be a cash bar on the boat, but certainly non-drinkers as well as drinkers are welcomed to enjoy the trip. This will be a wonderful and enjoyable 2-hour cruise on the Penobscot from Bangor to Bucksport and back. Relax and see the river from a different point of view. Cost for the cruise is \$14/person. FMI and/or to get tickets contact Karma at 942-3002.

* **JUN 2 (Friday)**, Ellsworth, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Ms Northern Maine PRIDE Pageant**, at the White Birches Motel on Rt 1. Come watch and cheer as our lovely contestants vie for the honor of becoming Ms Northern Maine PRIDE. Pageant starts at 8 pm. Cost is \$8/person at the door, there will be a cash bar available. FMI contact Mark at 947-6445.

* **JUN 3 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Northern Maine PRIDE festival**, on the waterfront in Bangor (near the Sea Dog Restaurant). Festival will run from 12 noon until 6 pm. **ADMISSION IS FREE!!** There will be live music/entertainment provided by: Jessie Mallory and the Lights Out Band, Miss Northern Maine Pride, Martin Swinger, The Killah Bees, and Randy Browning and Brett Kinney (The Late Bloomers)....five GREAT shows! There will also be food available, community business and social organization booths, games and face-painting for the kids, and lots of opportunities to relax, enjoy the afternoon, and meet and chat with old and new friends. Bring your lounge chairs, bring a picnic (or buy your lunch from the vendors), and enjoy the afternoon. FMI contact Brian at 942-0980.

* **JUN 4 (Sunday)**, Brewer, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Block Party at Club Detour**, Wilson St, in Brewer. Family Social (all ages) from 5 - 8 pm. Block Party (18+ years old) from 8 pm until close. There will be dancing, karaoke, pool tables, food, and booths. FMI contact Chase at Club Detour at 989-3386.

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:

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

Lesbian Health Project. Initiated in 1992, the Lesbian Health Project of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center seeks to promote non-homophobic health services which will provide lesbians with the ability to make the best health decisions possible based on accurate knowledge. The focus of the project is on developing educational materials for lesbians and trainings for health and social service professionals. In addition, the project sponsors a Lesbian Health Clinic at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center which provides low-cost, woman positive, lesbian-centered health care including: pelvic exams, breast exams, health education, instruction in breast self-exam, pap smears, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information or to become involved in the work of the project contact the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center at 947-5337

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.mainelybears.com for upcoming activities.

Maine SpeakOut Project. SpeakOut's mission and philosophy is to actively work towards the creation of a society that is inclusive, respectful, and safe for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender people. Volunteers educate their community by sharing the truth of their lives. SpeakOut provides schools, business, and churches with opportunities to engage in open dialogue that is non-confrontational and non-divisive. SpeakOut's community programming efforts include: SpeakOuts, Everybody Counts in the Workplace, Walk with the One You Love, and the Charlie Howard Memorial Library. To arrange a speaker training or schedule a speaker contact Pam McCann at speakout@commcc.org or phone 874-1030.

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

Parent's, Family, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email mdpalmers@gwi.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 martyrnc@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

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

Levant, house for rent. Charming 1900's farmhouse. Three bedrooms, one bathroom with large jacuzzi tub, nice large porch and gardening options. It has been partially remodeled, hardwood floors throughout and will/can come with a couch, table and a few chairs. Washer and dryer available. 30 minutes from Bangor, approx. 45mins from Orono. Pet friendly. \$960.00 a month, no utilities, plowing free. If interested please email Beth at beth_stepone@hotmail.com

Old Town, mature roommate wanted to sublet beautiful 2-bdrm apt in Old Town 5/15-8/31 or beyond. Hardwood floors, large common room, washer/dryer, storage, large yard. Near walking trails, bus line, and river. \$375/month plus electric, gas stove, phone/DSL wireless (heat/HW included). Sorry, no pets. No smoking or drugs. Spanish-speakers, birdwatchers, music lovers yes! Call Medea at 827-2292 or wrenyen@yahoo.com.

Orono, room for rent in LBGT 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 firepit 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:

Mature Lesbian. Personal: attractive, educated & intelligent, enthusiastic but sensitive, healthy, energetic & active, well-groomed, friendly, well-traveled, romantic. Professional: marketing-specialist, designer/artist, photographer. Interests & favorite things: good music, dancing, art, theatre, literature, worship, the great outdoors, cooking, travel, animals, gardening, beach walking, candlelit dinners & good wine, fireside & champagne, and friendships. Concerns: ecology, preservation & conservation, environmental beautification, good government, equal rights. Homes: Maine and Texas. Seeks companionship w/a woman 45 or over, of similar tastes and interests. dancinbarb34@yahoo.com

I am a kind, gentle, educated woman, physically active (biking, kayaking, hiking, skiing) seeking to date a kind, gentle, feminine woman (44-57).. I am an avid reader, a lover of nature (flowers, trees and all creatures great and small), spiritual but not religious, seeker of truth, beauty and inner peace. Contact waterwillow2@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):

ASSOCIATION OF MAINE OUTDOORSFOLK (AMO) is a group of men and women of the GLBTI community of Maine, headquartered in the Portland area, who enjoy 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 hosts 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 or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/outdoorsfolk>

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

PRYSM (PROUD RAINBOW YOUTH OF SOUTHERN MAINE)formerly OUTRIGHT-PORTLAND. An organization that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). This group is sponsored by Community Counseling Center. Our drop-in groups are every Tuesday evening from 6 - 9 pm. We are located at 43 Baxter Blvd on the 2nd floor. FMI contact Andrew or Pam at 874-1030 or email prysm@commcc.org

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.