



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

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

1 JUNE 2006

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) FLASH!! BANGOR PRIDE WEEK. Northern Maine Pride announces that if it is raining on Saturday, June 3rd, then the PRIDE festival will be moved from the waterfront (at Railroad and Main Streets) and will be held instead in the Commons/Auditorium at the old Bangor Theological Seminary (300 Union St) in Bangor. So keep your eye on the weather, and come join us all, shine OR rain. If you have questions you can call Brian at 942-0980.

(NEWS #2:) The BANGOR PRIDE WEEK event on Thursday, June 1st, at KARMA will be a Hawaiian Luau! So throw on your gaudiest pineapple shirt and come join us!

(NEWS #3:) This year's WALK WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE is coming up on June 18th. See the listing below for details.

(NEWS #4:) SOUTHERN MAINE PRIDE will run from Sunday, June 11th through Sunday, June 18th. Check the dates below for details.

(NEWS #5:) For all you Jessi Mallory fans, Jessi has announced several upcoming gigs. Check the ANNOUNCEMENTS category below for details.

(NOTES #1:) Northern Maine Pride now has an ongoing on-line auction set up to help raise funds for NMP. If you like to prowl the ebay auctions, then take a look at NMP's. And if you have items to donate for the auction, contact NMP to do so: www.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. Help Wanted – Part Time, Flexible Hours in Bangor. To assist a blind man with odd jobs, errands, etc. Must have basic computer knowledge and be able to provide transportation. No other special requirements needed. \$15 per hour. Plus Expenses. Also needed: Assistance with getting to the Bangor Y, to escort to gym for workout session. Must provide transportation to Bangor Y. Membership of Y in exchange for transportation and assistance at gym. Serious Inquiries only please.

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Contact Del at 942-3114.

2. Jessi Mallory Performances:

June 24th, 9 pm - 1 am, at Woodies Bar & Grill in Greenville Jct., ME

July 17th, 8 pm, at Springstreet, in Portland, ME

Sept 16th, 12 pm, at the Walk for MAAR, in Augusta, ME

FMI check the web site at www.jessimallory.com

3. GAYLA XXVIII. The 28th annual gathering of Gay men at Ferry Beach (near Old Orchard Beach, Maine) will be taking place July 15-22, 2006. To learn more about GAYLA and/or to register for the event, check the web site at www.ferrybeach.org/summercon/gayla.html

EVENTS:

- * **JUN 1 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Hawaiian Luau.** Sponsored by KARMA and held at KARMA, 123 Franklin St. FMI contact Karma at 942-3002....or just throw on your gaudiest Hawaiian Pineapple shirt and come down and join us!
- * **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 2 (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.
- * **JUN 2 (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
- * **JUN 3 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **BANGOR PRIDE WEEK, Northern Maine PRIDE festival**, on the waterfront in Bangor (or at the auditorium of the old Bangor Theological Seminary if it is raining). 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.
- * **JUN 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 martyrc@adelphia.net
- * **JUN 4 (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
- * **JUN 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.
- * **JUN 7 (Wednesday)**, Augusta, **JUST GUYS**, a men's social group for men who have sex with men, meets every Wednesday at the Dayspring Offices, 9 Green St, in Augusta, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We provide a space free of attitude, ego, gossip, labels, or judgement. The night's activities can include discussions, games, guest speakers, or movies, and always fun snacks. Join us, bring a friend, come share! FMI contact Lew at 621-3794. More information, weekly updates at www.justguys.info
- * **JUN 7 (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 9 (Friday)**, Tremont, **Out On MDI Potluck**, will be at Susan & Deann's house on Rt 102 (corner of Tremont Rd and Bernard Rd on the "backside" of Mount Desert Island). Potluck starts at 6:30 pm. FMI and/or more detailed directions call Susan/Deann at 244-3861
- * **JUN 11 (Sunday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, kicks off with a **"Walk With the Ones You Love"**. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 12 (Monday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, sponsors **"Comedy Night and the King & Queen Competition"**. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 14 (Wednesday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, has an **open house** for the LGBT Collection, on the 6th floor of the Glickman Library at USM. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 14 (Wednesday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, **"Karaoke Night and The Casablanca Sunset Cruise"**. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 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
- * **JUN 14 (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
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- * **JUN 15 (Thursday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, sponsors the **"Twenty Years of Trivia and The Scavenger Hunt"**. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 15-17 (Thursday-Saturday)**, Portland, **The Maine Gay Men's Chorus**, 14th Annual Pride Concerts, 8 pm, at the Portland Performing Arts Center, 25A Forest Ave (with a 3 pm matinee performance on Saturday as well as the evening performance). The theme of the concerts is: "If I Can Make it There...Great Moments On Broadway". Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. FMI and/or to buy tickets, go to the web site at www.maine-gay-mens-chorus.com
- * **JUN 16 (Friday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, **SMP Night at the Maine Gay Men's Chorus Concert**. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 16 (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
- * **JUN 16 (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
- * **JUN 17 (Saturday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride**, sponsors **"The Big Parade, the PRIDE Festival and the evening Pier Dance."** Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.

- * **JUN 17 (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. Discussion of the readings (if desired) can take place during breaks and after 8 pm. 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.
- * **JUN 18 (Sunday)** Bangor, **The 2006 WALK WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE** to help raise awareness of the GLBTI community and our families. Walk starts at 12:30 pm at Pickering Square in downtown Bangor and will end at West Haymarket Square at the water fountain in front of The Grasshopper Shop. FMI contact Dan at knead24u@yahoo.com
- * **JUN 18 (Sunday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride, "Interfaith Service"** at the First Parish UUC in Portland. Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 18 (Sunday)** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride, "Pride on the Bay Mist" - Harbor Cruise and T-dance.** Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org for more details.
- * **JUN 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.
- * **JUN 21 (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
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- * **JUN 28 (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
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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.

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.

Kayaks for sale. Two Old Town Otter Kayaks. One is yellow the other is green, both have a skirt (never used), foot peddles. The yellow kayak has a storage container and oar. Selling both for \$225 a piece. Contact Donna at mountainview4@verizon.net

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.

Bangor, Apartment to share. Room available in large, sunny, second floor apt in Bangor. On the bus route. Quiet, easygoing, Christian bisexual, 20-something, student & vet tech is looking for like-minded female or male to share the space and the expenses. You must be quiet, not a party animal (though small friendly gatherings are OK), and must be cat and dog friendly (but have no pets of your own). You get a bedroom and use of the living room, bathroom, kitchen, breakfast nook, and storage in the attic. Monthly rent is \$360 with utilities, and you would need \$700 to move in (to cover security deposit and first month's rent). Contact Rachel at 299-4770 and leave message.

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at vabay@verizon.net OR at 338-1729.

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 hearne@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

Orono, room for rent beginning mid-August. Looking for a graduate student or non-traditional age undergraduate student to share our 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Lesbian Mom/University professor and twin 5 year old boys. The room for rent is furnished, but can also be rented empty. The rent is \$400/month. No smoking and no dogs. Contact Laurie at laurie@maine.edu

Plymouth, houseshareing 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

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 mdpalmmer@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 martymc@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

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

CENTRAL MAINE OUTRIGHT. An organization, in Augusta, that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). This group is sponsored by Dayspring. Our drop-in groups are every Thursday evening from 7 - 9 pm. We are located at 9 Green St, in Augusta. FMI contact Faith at 621-3785 or email dayspring@mainegeneral.org

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

OUTI...As I Want to Be. An organization, located in Rockland, for all GLBTQQ youth, ages 14 to 22, as well as straight allies. We are an all-volunteer, youth-driven organization. We seek to provide outreach, affirmation, support, and education in a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland every Friday evening from 7 - 9 pm. FMI and/or directions, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email outasiwanttobe@aol.com . Check the web site at www.outasiwanttobe.org

PRYSM (PROUD RAINBOW YOUTH OF SOUTHERN MAINE) ...formerly OUTRIGHT-PORTLAND. An organization, in Portland, 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.