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

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

1 MAY 2007

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Diversity Week schedule. Northern Maine Pride (NMP), Shaw House, and Eastern Maine Aids Network (EMAN) have joined together to support this years Northern Maine Pride Diversity Week. This fun-filled week promises to be an event you should not miss out on. This is a time for the community to join together in celebration and support these great causes. Check out the **Diversity Week** events below at MAY 29 through JUN 2.

(NEWS #2:) There is a new group for the young (buy slightly older) GLBTI crowd. Outrageously Supportive, for GLBTQ youth (age 18 - 25) and their friends. Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. FMI contact Terry at 990-3626.

(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@gwi.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. Two new health services available for lesbian, bi, and trans women. See the listings for **Bridging The Gap** and for **Caring Connections** in the GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS category below.

2. A new Maine-based, on-line, lesbian virtual community. Rubyfruit Cafe is a new lesbian community magazine designed to showcase our lives, creativity, spirituality, politics, and much more. It is a website that will be driven by your submissions, your music, poetry, videos, photos, and stories. Show us where and how you live (show us your "crib") ... Tell us about your spirituality ... what you think politically and poetically ... sing your song or show us your garden ... share your lives, ideas and hopes with each other. If you find an interesting article, website, product, or new talent, let us hear about it. I want to create a fun, creative, supportive, environment for everyone to relax and just enjoy each other ... to take pleasure in our diversity and talents ... a place of tolerance and celebration. Okay, this may be a little sixties sounding, "kumbaya" and all ... but couldn't we use a little less criticism and more love in our world? So why not start with loving each other and celebrating the diversity in our community of women with videos, photos, the written word and audio narratives. Check it out and join in at www.rubyfruitcafe.com

3. Lesbian Radio is growing! Beginning on May 17th, Lesbian Radio will air on Thursday afternoons with an expanded program from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. This is a full hour and a half of lesbian radio! Lesbian Radio is growing into a magazine show with music, news, creative explorations, feminist thought, humor and interviews. We will be local, national, and international in scope. We thank you for listening and making this longer time-slot possible! Join us for the next two Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 1:30

pm as we end our Wednesday show and begin our transition to Thursdays ... we will make the next two weeks of Wednesdays a celebration before our May 17th debut! Lesbian Radio, in Portland on WMPG at 90.9 and at 104.1 FM and streaming online at www.wmpg.org

OP/EDS:

*This is your chance to spout off (or offer your insightful thoughts and opinions) about **ANYTHING** related to the GLBTI community. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit. Please keep your thoughts as succinct (and civilized) as possible. Subscribers should be willing to allow at least their first name and an email address to be listed with the posting.*

For those of you who didn't get to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus show at UMO on April 22, here are a few reports that came in. The organizers tell me that there were about 700 in attendance.

Kate and I went to the concert and really enjoyed ourselves. There were between 150 to 225 people there when I looked around the room. All appeared to enjoy the performance.

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We went to see the chorus and thought it was wonderful. I don't think it was as well attended as I thought it could have been. A lot of people I told knew nothing of it. It was worth being inside on such a glorious day to hear them.

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I'd say there were at least 150 folks .... Mainly on the bottom floor, and scattered throughout. Many were folks that stayed over from watching the Black Bear Chorus that overlapped by about 30mins.

They were okay. I think it largely depends on what the tunes are whether or not I really like a chorus (unless of course the songs chosen are sung beautifully) . But I was more captivated by the interpreter. I knew one of them from the Charlie Howard Foundation and I like seeing what new words I can learn.

It was a nice show, I liked the dancing and the energy. The speakers were also nice.

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I attended the performance with a few friends. We all had a wonderful time. We thought they did a fantastic job. The Maine Black Bear Chorus also did a fine job as well!

There seemed to be quite a few people there, but I was a little disappointed when a number of audience members left after the Maine Black Bears were done and before the Gay Men's Chorus began. Although it was nice to see the Black Bears come and sit in the audience for the BGMC performance.

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I went to the BGMC Concert on Sunday. It was fantastic. It was preceded by a 16-voice women's ensemble called the Athena Chorale. They were OK, but not stunning. Next came the UMO Black Bears Men's Chorus. They were quite good, and they got everyone on their feet for the finale: a University of Maine medley finishing with the famous Stein Song. After a very short intermission (they had royally underestimated the time of the two UMO groups), the BGMC came on and they were incredible. Loud and raucous, then soft and tender, then funny (including four Hawaiian hula dancers), then contemplative. They ended with the famous "Everything Possible" by Fred Small. I immediately ran out to the lobby to pick up one of their CD's. I got the "Live in Poland" CD, recorded live at their concert in Poland in 1965 while the radical right Catholic extremists were protesting outside. But the local newspaper the next day gave the BGMC front page billing, with the headline "Music Triumphed Over Intolerance". It was truly great. I would say the auditorium was about 75% full.

EVENTS:

* **MAY 2 (Wednesday)**, Ellsworth, **Sanford Phippen, noted author and playwright**, will lead a play reading and discussion of his play, "Standing Just Outside the Door," for an open meeting of the Downeast chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on Wednesday May 2 at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church, 121 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth. The play has been performed several times and filmed excerpts will be shown. The audience will then be invited to join in a reading of the play. Discussion will follow. The play deals with issues involved with gay, lesbian, and bisexual students in the classroom. Phippen has taught English at Orono High School for many years and is now teaching at the University of Maine and in Ellsworth. GLSEN is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students. GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender

identity/expression. For more information visit www.glsen.org, or e-mail glsen@midmaine.com.

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* **MAY 3 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Students for AIDS Facts and Education Resources: SAFER**, meets every Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) on Harlow St. The group is for any high school student from the ages of 14 to 18 yrs. old with questions about HIV/AIDS. We have group check ins, group discussion, watch movies, snacks. GLBT friendly. FMI and any questions call 990-3626 and ask for Terry.

* **MAY 3-6 (Thursday - Sunday)**, West Gardiner, **Gay Men Together**, the twice-a-year retreat for gay men at the Pilgrim Lodge on Lake Cobbosseeconte, is scheduled for May 3-6...their 22nd gathering! For more info about the gathering, registration, etc. go to www.gaymentogether.net. Numbers are limited, so register early. FMI about Pilgrim Lodge, check the web site at www.pilgrimlodge.org

* **MAY 4 (Friday)**, Trenton, **New Hip Celebration!** 6:00 pm at 721 Oak Point Rd. I have missed so many OMDI dinners and gatherings due to my health problems and am feeling truly disconnected from everyone. BUT ... it's time to change all that! I have a brand new hip and it works great! Now it's time to reconnect with old friends and new ones and celebrate! I have invited a friend from Bangor to bring her delicious "Tastefully Simple Food Line" to share with us as refreshments. She has lots of yummy items and will be glad to take orders for anything you might want to try at home, and I will supply other food as well, but the purpose of this evening is just to give me a chance to reconnect with everyone and have some fun with very little preparation on my part. I'll have the coffee pot on and plenty of soda etc... just bring whatever you might want for beer or wine. It will be great to see everyone again and maybe make some plans for some fun stuff this spring/summer! RSVP to me, Judith, at 667-4449 or by email at nifty53gal@yahoo.com

* **MAY 4 (Friday)**, Belfast, **First Friday Lesbian Potluck**, starts around 6 pm at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions contact Virginia at 322-5308 or email her at vathrockmorton@mac.com

* **MAY 4 (Friday)**, Gardiner, 6 - 8 pm, **GLBTI Happy Hour!** All are welcome. It is held at the Kennebec Brewery Co., The Firkin Sturgeon Pub, at 625 Water Street Gardiner. The Pub is also a brewery - as you can probably tell - plus they serve food and soft drinks if that's your preference. There is also a pool table. I look forward to meeting lots of new faces and becoming re-acquainted with familiar ones. FMI or any questions contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com

* **MAY 6 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 9 - 11 a.m., group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call 388-1729 or email Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com

* **MAY 7 (Monday)** Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 22 and under and allies.) FMI call Terry at 990-3626 or check the web site at <http://outright-bangor.org/default.aspx>

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* **MAY 9 (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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* **May 11 (Friday)**, Portland, **OUTrageous Prom!** 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. An event for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning & Allied people ages 22 and under (you can bring guest up to age 25). Music by DJ Kate, Lights by High Output, Food by Holiday Inn. **Location:** At the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. **Price:** \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. No one will be turned away due to ability to pay. Donations welcomed for youth sponsorship. This event will not tolerate alcohol, drugs or other substances. FMI, contact Andrew at: 207-874-1022 or prysm@commcc.org

* **MAY 16 (Wednesday)** Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6:30 pm. Join our group for dinner at different area restaurants. The May MEOP will be at the Panda Garden Restaurant, 123 Franklin St (near the library) **Reservations are needed.** FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or email megress@gwi.net no later than Tuesday May 15.

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* **MAY 19 (Saturday)** Bangor, **Le Salon Du Somerset**, 5-9 pm, Chris & Jean's monthly, ever-changing event. It ranges from the silly to the serious, the arts to the sciences, politics to philosophy, history to histrionics, and all areas in between. The MAY Salon will be a **HOUSE CONCERT** with Randy Browning and Brett Kinney (aka Late Bloomers). There are still a few spaces left, so get your reservations in before they're gone. 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. The maximum number of guests for this performance is 15. **Reservations are needed.** Dinner will be from 5:00-7:00 pm, concert will be from 7:00-9:00 pm. FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@gwi.net

* **May 19 (Saturday)**, Bangor, ME. **Volunteer Training for Maine SpeakOut Project**. 9am-5pm. The free training will prepare LGBT and Allied volunteers to speak to schools, churches, and businesses throughout Maine about their experiences. Trainers will share the history of the Maine SpeakOut Project and help volunteers compose and present a story. There are also skill-building activities around non-divisive dialogue and dealing with difficult questions, although completing the training creates no obligation to volunteer with Maine SpeakOut Project. Lunch and snacks are provided. **Pre-registration is required.** FMI or to register, call Jen Hodsdon at 207.874.1030 (207.874.1043 TTY) or email speakout@commcc.org

* **MAY 19 (Saturday)** Bangor, 5:00 pm. The Monthly meeting of **The Rainbow Fellowship** of the Hammond Street Congregational Church will be a **potluck dinner** at the home of Greg and Mark at 41 James Street. All are welcome. Bring friends; bring food. You do not need to be a member or attendee of the church to attend. FMI call the church at 942-4381.

* **MAY 20 (Sunday)**, Mt. Desert Island, **Gay Men's Hike**. Sturgis will lead a Gay Men's hike up Penobscot Mountain on MDI. All interested men should meet at the Jordan Pond House information desk at 10:30 am. Please park in the overflow parking lot slightly north of the JPH's main parking lot. There is a short trail through the woods to our meeting place. Penobscot Mountain (1247') is the mountain whose panorama rises most visibly as backdrop behind the handsome JPH. We will ascend via the easiest and most popular route. Generally it takes about an hour to reach the summit. Here we will eat lunch. There will be a couple of options for the descent, an easy route and a more difficult route. Each takes about an hour. Back at the JPH we will have tea and popovers. It would be helpful to know who intends to come - especially if last minute weather changes force postponement and it is necessary to contact people. Hikers should be reminded to bring a jacket as winds in the higher elevations can sometimes be cool and brisk. Please do not bring pets. FMI contact Sturgis at 422-6233 or email him at rugosa@downeast.net

* **MAY 20 (Sunday)**, Portland (for those who don't mind traveling), **Third Annual Best of Gay Portland Awards Show**. This event will be held at **STYXX**, 3 Spring St, in Portland at 7:00 pm. There is no charge for this show. Scheduled to appear as entertainmet are: The Kings of The Hill (female improv group), Vanessa Torres and Breaking Ground (female acoustic group), Bunny Wonderland, Lady Roberge, Madame Sheena, Envy, Ariel De'Vereaux, Shaunna Rai, and Amber Snow. Awards will be presented in the areas of entertainment, business, non-profits, and social organizations. Come OUT and join us for a Fabulous evening. FMI contact Dudley at admin@gayportlandmaine.com or by phone at 207-773-5775

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* **MAY 29 (Tuesday)**, Diversity Week, Bangor, **Dinner and Movies**, 6:00 - 11:00 pm. Eastern Maine AIDS Network will host a "Dinner and Movie" night at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St. From 6 - 7 pm: dinner; 7 - 9 pm the movie THE BIG EDEN; from 9 - 11 pm the movie BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN. A \$10 donation for EMAN will be collected at the door.

* **MAY 30 (Wednesday)**, Diversity Week, Hudson, Excellent food and drink! Wonderful music! At the **second annual House Concert!** hosted by George Brissette, past chair of Northern Maine Pride. Featured are **Jesse Mallory**, local rock goddess, and **The Killah B's** with their good time mix of blues, folk, shuffle, and swing. Location: 253 Old Town Road, Hudson, Maine. 5:30 - 6:30 PM: Meet, greet, socialize and enjoy some great appetizers. 6:30 - 7:30 PM: A sumptuous dinner. 7:30 - 9:15 PM MUSIC! Catering will be provided by a talented new service in the area, **AJ's Catering**. Space is limited to 30 guests (age 21 and over) so call or email George to reserve now at 327-1328 or gbrissette@hughes.net \$10.00 donation for the artists is customary.

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* **MAY 31 (Thursday), Diversity Week, Bangor, Coffee House & Music**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Shaw House, homeless services for youth, will host a "Coffee House" featuring delicious deserts, hot coffee and teas, and talented local musicians at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. A donation of \$10 for Shaw House will be collected at the door.

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* **JUN 1 (Friday), Diversity Week, Ellsworth, Miss Northern Maine PRIDE Pageant**, 8:00 - 12:00 pm. Northern Maine Pride will host the "Miss Northern Maine Pride Pageant" featuring female impersonators from around the state competing for the coveted title of Miss Northern Maine Pride 2007. (For ages 21 and over.) This event will be held at the White Birches, 20 Thorsen Rd, in Ellsworth. Catering will be provided by NMP. A \$10 donation for NMP will be collected at the door.

* **JUN 2 (Saturday), Diversity Week, Brewer, Diversity Festival**, 12 noon - 5 pm. Northern Maine Pride will host a "Diversity Festival". The featured entertainment for the day will be the **Maine Gay Men's Chorus** as well as **local musicians** from around the state. The event will be held at Well Forms, located at 797 Wilson St in Brewer and will also have for your entertainment and pleasure food, games and prizes for the entire family (so don't forget to bring the kids). NMP will also have available many displays of community resources including social services and faith-based organizations.

* **JUN 2 (Saturday), Diversity Week, Brewer, The Mardi Gras Ball**, 8:00 pm - 12 midnight. Northern Maine Pride, Shaw House, and Eastern Maine AIDS Network will host "The Mardi Gras Ball". (For ages 21 and over.) This event will be held at Well Forms, 797 Wilson St, in Brewer. The DJ will be spinning his hits from across the decades and catering will be provided by The New Moon Cafe. A \$10 donation, to be divided between NMP, Shaw House, and EMAN, will be collected at the door and everyone will get a chance to win one of the many fabulous door prizes. So bring your dance partner and come on Out!

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@gwi.net or at 862-2063.

no listings this issue

PERSONALS:

Could I be that special and unique person you're seeking? I'm a 25-year-old, long blonde-hair/blue-eyed, slim/athletic, openminded, intelligent, affectionate feminine transgendered lesbian in the southern Maine area seeking another openminded feminine lesbian or bisexual female. I'm currently professionally employed as an engineer, but I have done some modeling in the past as well. I plan to start Graduate School in the Fall for engineering. I'm into the martial arts, watching movies, going out dancing, cuddling with someone special, outdoor activities, and trying new things. So if you're looking for someone a little different, feel free to send me a message! hackmonkey00@excite.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.

Kayak For Sale. I am selling my Elaho Necky kayak that I used only 3 time last summer. I am getting a great deal on a boat I like more, so I am attempting to sell the Elaho outright. I am asking \$850. It is 17 foot, rudder, two sealed bulkheads, on deck webbing, the works. She is sleek and beautiful. FMI call Leslie at 255-6445 or email chickleslie@hotmail.com

Condo For Sale. New Listing! \$109,900 Heritage Woods - Hampden, Maine. Great investment opportunity! Quiet country setting located just minutes to Downtown Bangor and Bangor International Airport. Built in 1990, this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom condo/townhome has many amenities including a full basement and reserved on-site parking for two cars. Recently renovated in

2005, including new flooring, fresh paint, new appliances and upgraded fixtures. FMI contact Jammie Pearson at Prudential Northeast Properties (207) 942-8261 Ext. 215

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@gwi.net

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

Durham, apartment for rent. In the Country. Female or Male, semi-furnished basement apartment, private large living space, one bedroom, w/bath (private entrance), share only kitchen, many extras. No dogs, No smokers...cats welcome. Price is \$600/month, includes utilities. FMI contact Lou at irishgreen4222@yahoo.com or call 353-6536

Ellsworth, Apartment/House Sharing needed. I am looking to move to a new place, I can only afford \$600 per month (which includes everything, can not afford more till 1 yr from now) I am looking to move into a roommate situation or to just rent a room in or around Ellsworth. I am a 39 yo male, clean and disease free, no pets, love to cook, love movies and photography. I have a full time job presently and I am looking for a part time job to add additional income. I am quiet and friendly, very easy to get along with. Looking to move asap. Email any info to an_italian_nice_guy@yahoo.com

Fairfield (near Waterville), roommate wanted. Home to share with professional male....non-smoker, no pets. Furnished room, private bath, full use of house. \$480/month. Call Steve at 314-1487.

Lincolnvile, house for rent. Weekly or monthly summer rental of a beautiful, three bedroom, restored cape located in Lincolnvile near public ocean beaches. Check out the house at www.lincolnvilerealestate.net (click on the "vacation rental" icon). FMI contact Dwight at campmee@yahoo.com or by phone at 207-763-4849.

Mars Hill, room for rent. Room in lovely home, located near Big Rock and just a few miles from the University of Maine Presque Isle. Local shopping nearby. To view or for more information please contact Al at 207-425-7848 or 207-990-3626.

Portland, house for rent. Clean, bright cape with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath upstairs; living room, kitchen, and dining room (complete with upright piano) downstairs; and full basement with washer/dryer. One-car garage and huge yard just ready for your green thumb complete the picture. House is on a dirt road off of outer Brighton Avenue in Portland, so you're close to everything and right on the bus line, but feels like you're in rural Maine. Pets welcome, and there's even a dog run in the backyard. \$1350/month, price negotiable to the right responsible tenant. Photos available. Email Erica at quineast@hotmail.com or call 773-3023 for more information.

Rockland, one-bedroom apt/Professional space for rent. Main Street/downtown. 2nd floor/rear, quiet, one bedroom apartment. Would also make an excellent design studio/professional space—great North light. Located on the harbor side of Main Street, next to the ferry terminal. This is a GLBTIA-friendly arts-focused building (our gallery and studio are in the building). Apartment just completely repainted, new windows, hardwood floors, two large closets, claw-foot soaking tub(w/shower), new kitchen range. High-speed internet is available at a reduced rate for our tenants. Apartment has direct access to a new, spacious, 12'x35' deck overlooking Lermond Cove (five historic schooners are scheduled to be berthed there in the Spring) and the marinas. Rear entrance w/hallway off deck (in addition to Main St. entrance). No-smoking. No dogs. Well behaved cat welcomed. Off-street parking, rubbish service, heat/water/sewer included. Lease/security/references. \$675 month. FMI contact Virginia at vslawson@midcoast.com

GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Bridging The Gap provides no-cost clinical breast exams, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and other breast health services to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 20 to 29 who have a symptom of concern and age 30 to 39 who have a symptom of concern or a family history of breast cancer. FMI and to see if you qualify contact Robin at Bridging The Gap at 941-2808.

Caring Connections provides no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines and dont have insurance to cover breast and cervical health services. FMI contact Robin at Caring Connections at 941-2808.

Connections! Gay or Bisexual male in Maine? On your own and not getting any younger? Want to be connected by phone with other mature gay men in Maine? Network for conversation, companionship, connections for support, help in recovery from medical treatment, ice storms or accidents. Call or be called or both. If you know of anyone who may not see this message, for the sake of community pass this information on. Even slight connections among people raise our spirits. To find out more call Peter (in confidence) at 207-348-2212 between 9AM and 8PM.

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

(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. To learn about and protect your rights under Maine's anti-discrimination 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.

(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. 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

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

Lesbian Radio. A feminist weekly half-hour show with interviews, discussion, music and news for women and lesbians. Host Virginia Throckmorton talks with intriguing Maine lesbians, takes on political topics, interviews the women of our communities and provides a local forum for area activists, writers and artists Wednesday afternoons from 1 until 1:30 PM on Portland radio station WMPG 90.9 FM and at 104.1 FM or online at www.wmpg.org.
JenHodsdonKateClintonStephBarrettDoryCoteHardyGirlsandHealthyWomenEqualityMaineMaryDailyUglyDucklings
FeministMajorityNewsWomen'sSpaceFeministingHumorAnnouncementsandConnectionsGLBTMichiganWomen'sFestival
LesbianChefCookingClassChoiceAgainstViolenceAgainstWomenandmore.

Living Queer Here! A locally-produced radio show aired on station WERU. An exploration into the full range of life created and experienced by the queer community in Maine. Hosted by Gail Mackinson & Cindy Montgomery. The show airs on the 4th Thursday of each month 10-11 am. WERU broadcasts in the greater Blue Hill area on frequency 89.9 FM, in the Bangor area on frequency 102.9 FM, and streams on the web at www.weru.org. WERU also broadcasts the nationally syndicated GLBTI show: **This Way Out** every Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 4:30 pm.

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 Breast and Cervical Health Program, offers no-cost mammograms, pap tests, and gynecological exams to qualifying Maine women (regardless of sexual orientation). If you are a woman in Maine and you are due for a Pap test or mammogram, help is just a phone call away. The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program can help you get the health care you deserve. If you are a Maine woman over 40, have little or no insurance and meet certain income guidelines then you may be eligible for no-cost mammograms, Pap tests, and gynecological exams at your choice of participating area providers. Call today to see if you qualify, 1-800-350-5180. (TTY 1-800-438-5514) The best protection is early detection!

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 schedule a speaker or to arrange a volunteer training, contact Jen Hodsdon 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. 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

(PFLAG) Parent's, Family, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 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 mdpalmer@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

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 contact Morgan at coastalwomensconnection@yahoo.com, to get on their newsletter mailing list email dhgould@gwi.net OR you can check the web site at www.coastalwomensconnection.com

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

Northern Lambda Nord. A GLBTQ social group in Aroostook County hosts a monthly BBQ or potluck gathering. Location varies within the central Aroostook County area. Open to all gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning folks (and their friends & supporters). FMI and/or directions contact Kent at 538-7630 or Northern Lambda Nord at 425-4088 or email northernlambdanord@verizon.net. You can also ask to get on their e-newsletter mailing list.

Out!...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, transgender, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland at 501 Main Street (the building just before the Ferry Terminal), suite #3 (2nd floor) every Wed. 5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email outmaine@yahoo.com. Check the web site at www.outasiwanttobe.org

Portland Lesbian Coffee House. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. Join our community of women to talk about books, politics, music, raising children or the wacky thing that happened on the latest episode of The L Word. All stripes of the tribe welcome. This is a social group that includes women of all ages and statuses. You can check it out on the web at <http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/78/>. FMI about dates, times, location contact Maura at mmckenney2@maine.rr.com

PRYSM (Proud Rainbow Youth Of Southern Maine) An organization, in Portland, that provides safe and supportive community for youth 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Tuesday from 6-9 pm, and the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6-9pm. Located at 43 Baxter Blvd., 2nd floor. Also provide outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources and LGBTQ youth case management. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI contact Andrew Jones at 874-1022 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

SOLO (Single Older Lesbian Organization). 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/>

Trans_Port_Me This is a Trans-support group located in Portland for people who identify transgender. Both M2F and F2M are welcome. We are located in downtown Portland and meet on a monthly basis in a safe location. A screening and interview process is in place to insure security and discretion. Admission to this group is by invitation only. The group host and moderator is Gail, but this is YOUR support group so the more input, involvement, and participation you provide the better. Internet support is fine but person to person support, validation and interaction with people who are like us can have a profound affect on our overall wellbeing and sense of self. Meetings are held the 4th Saturday of the Month, at 1 Pleasant St in Portland, ME. Call 207-233-8157 on meeting days (between 12 noon and 5 pm) for details. FMI and/or to join the online information group contact Gail at g_g_moreau@yahoo.com

WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS:

Gay in Maine. An interesting little web site with separate chat rooms for men and women. Some parts seem to be updated daily, other parts (some of the links) not for years. www.gayinmaine.com

Maine Gaynet. One of Maine's longest running listserves for the GLBT community. Get all the info and/or join by going to www.maine-gaynet.com

Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events (MEGONE) is a yahoo group site/email list for Maine's GLBT? folks (& friends) for posting announcements of outdoor related events. It's not a formal club or organization—just an informal way to let folks know about outdoor activities that they might like to participate in—whether it's a hike, a paddle, camping trip, nature walk, or even a downtown shopping walk—it's up to you. This is not meant to compete with other groups such as the Chiltern Club—it's just an idea that some of us came up with on a recent trip to Baxter State Park :-). So, if you'd like some company the next time you take a hike, go on a bike ride, paddle, etc., just send an email to megone@yahoogroups.com to let members know the details. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megone/> Please pass the word along to other gay-related lists/groups—the more people who join, the more opportunities there will be for connecting with like-minded folks for some great outdoor fun. Right now, the membership is "open" to anyone who would like to join....however, if we have any problems with folks who are not gay-friendly, I may change it to a process requiring membership approval. Also, people posting should use discretion regarding publicly posting time/place to meet—you may want to simply say "anyone intersted in details, please email me at _____, or call me at _____" Any questions? let me know! (mikeondavispond@yahoo.com)

Maine Lesbians listserve Anyone who identifies as a lesbian is welcome to join. The website address is: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-lesbians> Women can request to join from the website or email me: patput@midcoast.com

Rubyfruit Cafe. A Maine-based, on-line, lesbian virtual community. Rubyfruit Cafe is a lesbian community magazine designed to showcase our lives, creativity, spirituality, politics, and much more. It is a website that will be driven by your submissions, your music, poetry, videos, photos, and stories. Show us where and how you live (show us your "crib") ... Tell us about your spirituality ... what you think politically and poetically ... sing your song or show us your garden ... share your lives, ideas and hopes with each other. If you find an interesting article, website, product, or new talent, let us hear about it. I want to create a fun, creative, supportive, environment for everyone to relax and just enjoy each other ... to take pleasure in our diversity and talents ... a place of tolerance and celebration. www.rubyfruitcafe.com

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER.

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to megress@gwi.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@gwi.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.