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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 JUNE 2007

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Results of the FAN poll: Should The FAN refocus its geographical coverage so that it includes only notices from Waterville northwards and eastwards? The results were: 74% said YES, refocus. 4% said NO, leave it the same. 22% said DO WHATEVER IS BEST FOR YOU. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for details about upcoming changes.

(NEWS #2:) Proud Lesbians of Poverty . A new web group is starting up. Check out the WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS category.

(NOTES #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 remaining Diversity Week events below at JUN 1 and JUN 2.

(NOTES #2:) GLBTI Youth Support. For some reason, I've just realized how much stuff EMAN is presently doing for young GLBTI folks. They've got **three** different groups going! Check out the BANGOR OUTRIGHT, the OUTRAGEOUSLY SUPPORTIVE, and the SAFER listings in the EVENTS (ONGOING) category for more details.

(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. Results of The FAN poll. By about 3 to 1 folks were clearly in favor of a new focus. **So... the new demarcation line for the FAN's coverage area will be a line that goes from Camden, to Waterville, to Skowhegan, to Dover-Foxcroft, to Brownville Junction, to the Penobscot County Line, then straight up to include Aroostook County.** Anything east of that demarcation line can now be included in regular FAN coverage; anything west of it can only be included if it's a "special" event or if it would logically fit into one of the other categories. I reserve the right to either reject or accept a posting from outside the area.

Some folks asked if I could at least include links to GLBTI events calendars or newsletters in southern Maine. I will try to do that as I become aware of them. Those links will be listed in the WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS category, so check it out to see what's available.

There were also a variety of suggestions about how to consolidate and reformat The FAN so it would be shorter and more concise. I will be making some changes over the next few issues. For one thing, the EVENTS category will now be divided into EVENTS (CHANGING) and then EVENTS (ONGOING). Ongoing events (those that have the same days/time/place every month) will be listed once instead of being listed every day on which they occur. You folks will need to figure out the actual days of the month they are being held, but I think you're all smart enough to do that.

A few items which have been appearing in the EVENTS category, and which are now outside the coverage area, will be moved to the SOCIAL GROUPS (MORE THAN 50 MILES FROM BANGOR) category.

Other changes will be made over the next few issues to try to shorten some entries and remove those that may be outside the coverage area.

And to the folks in Aroostook and Washington counties: We are now including you! This is your opportunity to have a way and a place to organize and advertise your local events. So get as many of your local GLBTI community members onto The FAN mailing list as possible and start using it to get your word out.

2. Lesbian Health Conference. Lesbian Health: Increasing Awareness of Specific Lesbian Health Risks, Special Needs, and Cultural Sensitivity. Featuring various presentations and panel discussion on physical, mental and spiritual aspects of lesbian health care. Join us for a FREE evening of fine dining and education. Tuesday, June 26th, at Spectacular Events Center in Bangor. **Providers, office staff, students entering careers in Social Work, Nursing or Human Services are all encouraged to attend.** Mark your calendars! Registration will be available in May. For more information call Maria Staples at 973-3586 or email mstaples@penquiscap.org . (Sponsored by the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program, a program of the Maine Department of Human Services. A program of Penquis C.A.P. Family Enrichment Services.)

3. GAYLA XXIX. The 29th annual gathering of Gay men at Ferry Beach (near Old Orchard Beach, Maine) will be taking place July 14 - 20, 2007. To learn more about GAYLA and/or to register for the event, check the web site at www.ferrybeach.org/summercon/gayla.html or the GAYLA web site at www.gayla.org

4. Partners in Prevention. Partners in Prevention is a class for gay men that discusses health issues related to HIV and STD's. A simple curriculum for all ages that focuses on the many definitions of what a relationship is, how to maintain a healthy relationship and ways to protect yourself from unhealthy relationships. The class discusses personal triggers that we all have which "trigger us" to make unhealthy decisions.

The Partners in Prevention class will be offered in July and in August. This class offers an incentive of $150 to each member who attends all three sessions. Also a $10 gas card is given at the beginning of each meeting to help with travel costs. HIV testing is made available to each participant. All information is completely confidential. For more information please call: 1-800-669-0893 and ask for Zack or you can email me directly at zack@downeastaidsnetwork.org

5. Gay Men's Antique Car Club? I collect old Cadillacs and love old cars. Is anyone interested in starting a gay men's antique car club? Keep it simple, where gay guys could gather and attend antique car shows and museums. Captain Nick's has a car show every Wed. evening starting May 30th and runs through the summer. There are car shows around N.E., auctions etc. There are more and more antique car shows on TV like restoration shows, how-to shows. There is a National antique car club for gay men with a chapter in New England. If we were to become a formal group, we could join the N.E. chapter. Interested, contact Gary at wg35@verizon.net

6. GLBTI mid-summer camping trip. JUL 26-29, Baxter State Park. Come to Maine's primitive and pristine Baxter State Park for this mid-summer trip. Tent sites have been reserved for July 26-29 (3 nights) at South Branch Campgound in the northern end of the Park. From this campground, there are opportunities for easy/moderate hikes (Howe Brook Trail, South Branch Mountain, Pogy Notch Trail) as well as more strenuous hikes (North Traveler, Center Ridge, or the new Traveler Loop, a 10+ mile hike with awesome views --every bit as challenging as climbing Mt. Katahdin, further to the south), as well as canoeing and/or kayaking on South Branch Ponds. Canoes are available to rent for $1.00/hour or $8.00/day. There are 3 tent sites available, and there can be 2 tents per site. (Total capacity for the 3 sites: up to 12 people, maximum 6 tents.) Space at Baxter State Park is at a premium, so please try to "tent-pool" to maximize the number to people to enjoy this trip! Fee: $30 per person. I will keep a waiting list after this trip fills up. I need to receive your fee to hold your spot. Fore more information contact Mike at: mikeondavispond@yahoo.com

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.*

No one has any opinions this issue.

EVENTS (CHANGING):

* **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 illusionists from around the state competing for the coveted title of Miss Northern Maine Pride 2007. This event will be held at the White Birches, 20 Thorsen Rd, in Ellsworth. Catering will be provided by NMP. An admission of $10 will be collected at the door to benefit NMP.

* **JUN 1-3 (Friday-Sunday),** Auburn, the play **Hidden: A Gender by Kate Bornstein** will be performed at the First Universalist Church, 159 Pleasant St, in Auburn. The play tells the story of two individuals (in two different historical times) whose gender identity is in a state of flux. Their stories are interwoven with bittersweet ironies of life, both comical and tragical, as we examine the fundamental differences between sex and gender and how these differences can effect each of us. Shows are at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday and at 2 pm on Sunday. Admission is $12.

* **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**, the rock sounds of **Jessi Mallory** 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. If your organization would like to host a table at this event (for a fee of $10 for the day), please call 947-6445.

* **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 special guest Ira Levi will be performing live (To check out some of Ira's tunes you can go to http://www.sonicbids.com/epk/epk.asp?epk_id=96698 or go to www.northernmainepride.org and click on the links to Utube.) Catering will be provided by The New Moon Cafe. Cost at the door is $10 admission, to be divided between NMP, Shaw House, and EMAN. A raffle will also be held for the chance to win one of the many fabulous prizes. So bring your dance partner and come on Out!

* **JUN 10 - 17 (Sunday - Sunday),** Portland, **Southern Maine Pride's 2007 Festival Week**. The theme this year is: "United For Equality". Check the web site at www.southernmainepride.org

* **JUN 14-16 (Thursday - Saturday),** Portland, **The Maine Gay Men's Chorus 15th Anniversary Concert.** The theme is "Photographs and Memories". Show time is 8 pm on Thursday and Friday and at 5 pm on Saturday, and the performances will be at the Portland Performing Arts Center, 25 A Forest Ave. in Portland. FMI and/or to purchace tickets, check the web site at www.mainegaymenschorus.org

* **JUN 15 (Friday),** Portland, **Portland's 2nd Annual Dyke March**, 7 pm, Monument Square. After party, 9:00 pm at North Star Café, 225 Congress Street. For more information: portlanddykemarch@gmail.com. Sponsored by EqualityMaine.

* **JUN 16 (Saturday),** Ellsworth, **The Make Beautiful Tribe holds a silent auction and dance.** This event will be at the Maine Grind, Main Street, in Ellsworth. Cocktail hour will start at 7 pm with a silent auction of fabulous items, a doorprize, and a 50/50 raffle. Then we'll put on our dancing pumps and have a good time. Everyone is welcome, so come on out for an evening of fun! Poceeds will be used by the Make Beautiful Tribe in our community building and education endeavors. FMI and/or to be added to the mailing list contact Jim at bangoremail@yahoo.com

* **JUN 17 (Sunday),** Bangor, the annual **Walk With the Ones You Love** is on Father's Day. The walk is a statewide action promoting the vision of a Maine where all couples and all families–regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity–feel safe to walk together in public and are subject to the same social standards. Walk starts at 12:30 in Pickering Square. Please bring a flower for a brief dedication at the bridge. Sponsored by Maine SpeakOut Project, a community program of Community Counseling Center. For more info contact Dan at knead24u@yahoo.com , visit www.commcc.org, email speakout@commcc.org or call Program Coordinator Jen Hodsdon at 874-1030.

* **JUN 22 (Friday)** Greater MDI area. **Out On MDI Potluck Dinner**. This is a social potluck drop-in open to anyone lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. The gathering will be held at Susan & Deann's house in Barnard. FMI and/or directions email Ann at alfhildanda@mac.com or call Susan & Deann at 244-3861

* **JUN 26 (Tuesday),** Bangor, **Lesbian Health Conference.** Lesbian Health: Increasing Awareness of Specific Lesbian Health Risks, Special Needs, and Cultural Sensitivity. Featuring various presentations and panel discussion on physical, mental and spiritual aspects of lesbian health care. Join us for a FREE evening of fine dining and education at Spectacular Events Center in Bangor. **Providers, office staff, students entering careers in Social Work, Nursing or Human Services are all encouraged to attend.** For more information call Maria Staples at 973-3586 or email mstaples@penquiscap.org . (Sponsored by the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program, a program of the Maine Department of Human Services. A program of Penquis C.A.P. Family Enrichment Services.)

EVENTS (ONGOING):

BANGOR OUTRIGHT. Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Bangor, meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 22 and under and allies.) FMI call Mark at 990-3626 or check the web site at http://outright-bangor.org/default.aspx

FIRST FRIDAY LESBIAN POTLUCK. First Friday of every month. Belfast, 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

GAY GUYS GROUP (GGG) POTLUCK DINNER. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Ellsworth Area, 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

LESBIAN RETIREMENT HOME PLANNING MEETING. First Sunday of each month. Belfast, 9 - 11 a.m., Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call 388-1729 or email Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com .

NATIVE AMERICAN TWO SPIRITED SUPPORT/FRIENDSHIP GROUP. Every Wednesday. Bangor, 6-8 PM, at the Hammond St. Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all of the Two Spirited community. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for Two Spirited by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. We **Also do confidential free HIV testing.** Native American Two Spirited will give Two Spirited individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. so why not stop by and say hi. we have potluck dinners, movie nights, discussion, etc. the list goes on. FMI contact Rob at 990-0605 Ext. 5510 OR 1-877-776-8322 ext. 5510. Or you can e-mail nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

OUTRAGEOUSLY SUPPORTIVE. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Bangor, for GLBTQ youth (age 18 - 25) and their friends. Meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. FMI contact Mark at 990-3626 or check the web site at http://outright-bangor.org/default.aspx

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP. Third Saturday of each month. Bangor, This gathering is open to the GLBTI community and straight allies. It is under the aupices of the very GLBT-welcoming Hammond St Congregational Church. While it usually consists of a potluck dinner at someone's home, there have also been gaming nights and other activities. Persons who are interested should call the church at 942-4381 for details of time and place.

STUDENTS FOR AIDS FACTS AND EDUCATION RESOURCES (SAFER). Every Thursday. Bangor, meets 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 Mark.

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.

YOGA:

Central Street Yoga
9 Central Street, Suite 401
Bangor, ME 04401
ph: 207-249-9180
email: snowstop@gmail.com
web: www.CentralStreetYoga.com
proprietor: Terry Lacy
description: A new, dedicated Yoga Studio located in downtown Bangor at the intersection of Central, Main, and Hammond Streets.

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.

Three Bike's For Sale.
1) 6 SPD "CLASSIC" AUTO BIKE, mounted computer, City Handle Bars for upright sitting, Reflectors(front/back), Shimano HG 22 Components, City Pedals, City Tires, 25" Wheels, City Comfort Seat, No Gear Shifting Required (shifts according to terrain and cadence), Paid $300.00, ASKING $150 - $200.
2) 21 SPD SPECIALIZED "CROSSROAD" (used for training only for Trek Across Maine, MS-150, Tour De Cure Events), Mounted Computer Cage, Mounted Bike Grip Shifters, Mounted Bike Handle Bars, Left Mounted Mirror on Handle Bars, Shimano Altus Components, Clip-less Pedals, Hybrid Tires, 27" Wheels, Front Reflector, Rear Light, Rears Wheel Bag Carrier/Rack, Oasis Seat, 700 x 38C tires, Removable Chest Guard on Frame CrossBar, PAID $800 STRIPPED, ASKING $550 - $600 LOADED.
3) 24 SPD AEGIS "BANTUM" TOURING BIKE (used only for Trek Across Maine, MS-150, Tour De Cure Events), Mounted Computer "TREK", Back Multi-functional/Weather Light, Shimano 105 Components, Clip-less Pedals, MAVIC CXP 12 (made in France) Wheels, Indoor Tires for Trainer (Winter/Early Spring): Continental Grand Prix (26 x 3/4) Made in Germany, Michelin Axial Pro Slicks used Only for EVENTS (650 x 236), Oasis Seat, Comes with BUG OFF BIKE COVER for road travel, PAID $2100 JUST FRAME (hand-made CARBON FIBER), ASKING $1700 - $1800 LOADED.
Accessories/Extras:
ONE MOUNTAIN "ZEFAL II" MINI DOUBLE HAND PUMP ($20.00)
TWO "CHUBBY CHEEKS" SEATS by TERRY ($30.00 ea.)
ONE "AXION" SEAT by SUPER SOFT ($30.00)
ONE "TERRY" SEAT ($30.00)
TWO ROOF UPRIGHT BIKE RACKS (negotiable)
ONE ROOF FORK MOUNT BIKE RACK (negotiable)
ONE INDOOR MAGNETIC TRAINER (negotiable)
FMI contact MAX: mad2dmax@adelphia.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@gwi.net

Bangor, apartment for rent. Large spacious apartment in true duplex circa 1912. Colonial Revival building. Second floor, foyer, LR, formal DR with built-ins, fabulous kitchen with DW, 3 bedrooms and a new bathroom. Brass and crystal chandeliers, reproduction wallpapers, includes new washer and dryer. 1 year lease, no pets, absolutely no smoking. References, background check, credit & criminal. Security deposit and first months rent. $1,200 per month. No subletting. Contact Gary at wg35@verizon.net

House-share or house-sitting situation wanted. Somewhere between Belfast and Machias. Nature-loving lesbian with two older dogs would like to be closer to the ocean. We are all very sweet, clean, and well-behaved! Seeking an affordable place to be my sacred space. Excellent references. Contact Eileen at (207) 441-2785 or hearme@natisp.com

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.

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

Portland, house for rent. Clean, bright cape wth 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 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 inspriational 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 hour and a half-hour radio magazine show with music, news, creative explorations, humor and interviews for women and lesbians. With a focus on local and regional lesbian and women's issues, lesbian radio also brings you national and international people and issues of interest. Hosts Virginia Throckmorton, Jen Hodsdon and Katie Diamond talk with intriguing Maine lesbians, take on political topics, and provide a forum for area activists, writers and artists while offering the best in women's music. Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Portland radio station WMPG 90.9 FM and at 104.1 FM or listen 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

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

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 Northen 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 descretion. 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

Yankee Boyz. A social/support group for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. Female-to-male Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, TG Butches, Stonebutches and otherwise very masculine identified female "guys" and their SOFFA'S (significant other, friend, family, allies) are welcome. All sexual orientations are welcome. A place to share ideas and experiences in an atmosphere where we do not have to fight for validation. Meets monthly Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify). Meetings are held at the U.U. Church in Auburn. FMI contact PJ at pjmears@megalink.net or call 783-4630.

WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS:

Equality Maine Events Calendar. Equality Maine has a calendar of GLBTI events that are going on around the state (including things going on in the Portland and "southern Maine" area). To check it out go to www.equalitymaine.org . Once at the site, click on "Equality Events" and then click on "LGBT Community Events".

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.mainegaynet.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

Proud Lesbians of Poverty We seek people to join the group as we explore ways to improve the civil rights of GLBTQ's of poverty who cannot afford a lawyer to enforce their Gay Civil Rights, or their orginial Human Rights as a person. We are open to all people of any background. FMI contact Jan at janshouse@yahoo.com or phone 207-453-2353 or join the yahoo group at http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ProudLesbians/

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, sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It is covers a 50 mile radius around Bangor and also Aroostook and Washington counties.

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.