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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 DECEMBER 2007

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) A Family Christmas Party sponsored by The Bridge Alliance. See the listing at DEC 22.

(NEWS #2:) Results of the poll: by a ratio of 12 to 1, folks want to keep "enhanced" postings in The FAN, so we'll do it for the time being. However, I'm going to have to make some changes in the requirements:

1. Enhanced postings will not be able to have graphics. Graphics didn't work. I'm running Windows 95 and most of the graphics folks put in the postings just wouldn't cut-and-paste ... those that did caused loads of trouble and took LOTS of time to manipulate.

2. Enhanced postings can use different or varying *fonts*, type-sizes, s p a c i n g, colors, *characteristics*, etc. But again, I'm running Windows 95, and most folks are running newer program versions. We found that not all fonts, spacing codes, colors, etc. translated well between what was sent and how my computer interpreted them. If there is time, I will re-send the enhanced postings to their originators so they can see how they will look and allow changes if need be.

3. Enhanced posting will still need to be quick cut-and-paste items on my end. I don't have time to make changes to an enhanced posting to make it "just right".

(NEWS #3:) The FAN is looking for an experienced website designer. One of the things to come out of the *LGBTQ Symposium 2007* was that the community felt the need for a statewide community-events-scheduling, news, and information source so that the whole GLBTQ community in all parts of the state could be aware of what was going on. It was felt that such a source would both prevent conflicting scheduling of events AND provide the opportunity for greater GLBTQ-community support to our brothers and sisters in all parts of the state. I've decided to try to give this a shot if I can. If The FAN can be reworked into a website-based, mostly self-maintaining, state-wide, wiki-styled site (where folks could do their own postings without having to use me as an intermediary), then that could BOTH provide such a state-wide information source AND give me more free time ... which I would LOVE! But, I don't know anything about creating websites (I'm basically a Luddite, and inherently techno-suspicious). So I'm looking for an experienced website designer who I can pay to work on this project with me. If you might be interested, contact me and we'll chat: Jean at megress@gwi.net or 207-862-2063

(NEWS #4:) Old Dykes Home Meetings Suspended. I am told that the organizational/planning meetings for The Old Dykes Home will no longer be taking place.

(NEWS #5:) Women-only holiday events. Clay Hill Farm Restaurant in Ogunquit hosts a variety of women-only lesbian events during the year. The next event will be a women-only dinner-dance on Wednesday, December 26th. Upcoming events include the annual women's Valentine's Day dinner-dance (for both couples AND singles), and the June 6th Spring Soiree. You can check out the web site at www.clayhillfarm.com . To get on the e-mail list for their Events For Women, send your request to Jackie at Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com

(NEWS #6:) Women-only T-dances. Maine Street Bar in Ogunquit hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php

(NOTES #1:) The GLBT-supportive movie **For the Bible Tells Me So** will be released on DVD on Feb.19, 2008. Netfix subscribers can add it to their queues now.

(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. Death of Rev. Larry Lamond. Family member and friend of many in the community, the Rev. Larry Lamond of Milo, passed away on November 14th. A memorial event/party is being planned to take place on January 20 (Larry's birthday). More info as it becomes available.

2. YOUR STORY MATTERS! By joining the Maine SpeakOut Project Speakers' Bureau, you can create a world of change for Mainers by sharing your story.

Free Speaker Training Saturday, December 8, 2007, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Training held at Outright L/A, 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston.

Maine SpeakOut Project is looking for people who are interested in using their personal experience to provide educational opportunities for people all over the state, and for volunteers who would like to further SpeakOut's mission to create a society that is inclusive and respectful of people of different sexual and gender orientations by providing opportunities for dialogue.

Participants will learn about developing and telling a personal story to raise awareness about the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. This training is also open to people who do not wish to become members of the Speakers' Bureau but would like to learn these skills. Persons of all sexual and gender orientations are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To register or learn about other training and volunteer opportunities with Maine SpeakOut Project, please call Jennifer Hodsdon at 207-874-1030, 207-874-1043 (tty) or email speakout@commcc.org

3. Graduate student seeks to interview lesbian moms. I am a graduate student in Human Development at the University of Maine. I am interested in interviewing lesbian biological moms with children of any age living in Maine communities about their experiences: 1) to explore how living in a rural state helps or complicates the experiences of lesbian mothers in how they negotiate institutions such as health care and school, and 2) given social and political constraints that lesbian mothers need to overcome or adapt to, explore how mothers make use of support systems and form family. Almost all of the previous research has been conducted with moms living in urban or metropolitan areas. To maintain confidentiality, I'm trying to get the word out through intermediaries and having participants contact me directly if they are willing to be interviewed. If you would be willing to be interviewed or have questions about this study, please contact Sharon LaBrie at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Ctr, University of Maine at Orono: phone 207-581-1652 or cell 207-570-2400

4. Job Opening for Communications Coordinator at Equality Maine. EqualityMaine, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) advocacy organization, seeks a part-time Communications Coordinator. The Communications Coordinator is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive communications plan for EqualityMaine. The Communications Coordinator will help increase EqualityMaine's brand recognition statewide and regionally, as well as educate the public about LGBT individuals and families through the media. The Communication Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Executive Director to achieve the goals of the organization.

The ideal candidate will have: 1) minimum two years experience in communications, preferably in a non-profit setting, 2) strong writing and editing skills, 3) strong knowledge of communication vehicles, including media, internet, and print, 4) excellent communication, interpersonal, and relationship-building skills, 5) commitment to LGBT issues, and 6) a B.A. in communications, PR, or related field, while not required, would be a plus.

The Communications Coordinator will:

- Develop and implement a marketing and communications campaign for EqualityMaine by creating marketing materials, determining branding opportunities, and managing external relationships;

- Maximize opportunities for media coverage in newspapers, television and radio, including writing, editing and sending press releases, promoting LGBT and EqualityMaine stories and events through the media, and creating and maintaining relationships with key media;
- Implement member communications through newsletters and on-line delivery techniques as well as finding ways to engage and attract a broader membership base;
- Upgrade and maintain website;
- Provide support to the Executive Director, including assisting in writing and editing statements, newsletter articles, and speeches.

Compensation: Part-time position, 20-24 hrs/week, could be contract or staff position. Salary range $18,000 - $24,000.

Send cover letter and resume by December 17, 2007 to:

Betsy Smith, Executive Director
EqualityMaine
PO Box 1951, Portland, ME 04104
207-761-3732, fax: 207-761-3752
or email to: bsmith@equalitymaine.org

(please use Communications Coordinator in your subject line)

5. Catalyst for Change Award seeks nominations. The Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversity in Maine presented its first Catalyst for Change award this October. We are seeking nominations for 2008. The award honors someone who has furthered civil rights or social justice in Maine.

For information on the award and instructions on nominating, please go to:
http://library.usm.maine.edu/specialcollections/catalystforchangeaward.html

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2008. If you have any question please contact Susie Bock at bocks@usm.maine.edu or at 207-780-4269

6. Seeking Employment: Kevin Brown, 161 Eastern Avenue, Brewer, ME 04412 (kevin.brown.maine@gmail.com) He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maine 1980 (CSWE accredited) and has 27 years of experience in medical social work, DD/MR case work and management. Kevin also tutors foreign language speakers in English. Kevin is currently working a 30 day notice and will be available to work December 15, 2007. He is seeking work in his field or is willing to work outside the box.

7. Intimacy Workshop. Family member and life coach, Tawny Solmere, of Journeys Unlimited, will present her experiential workshop, "Journey to Intimacy" on Saturday, December 15th. Gain some valuable skills to get more out of your relationship with this breakthrough workshop designed to create safety and trust. Communication and understanding are key elements toward making your relationships more than the sum of their parts. Learn new ways of relating and caring. This is the best date you will ever keep; three hours for less than the cost of a fifty-minute therapy session! The workshop will be held at 11 Pleasant St Arts Center in Brunswick from 1pm to 4 pm. Snacks provided. Pre-registration appreciated. $75/couple +/- as needed. FMI contact Tawny at 207-522-8603 or by email at tawnys1@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.

COMMUNITY REPORTERS:

We'd all love to hear how your event, activity, gathering, show, wedding, project, etc went. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit news reports about the going's on in their geographical area (or about GLBTI community events that they have participated in elsewhere). Please keep your reports as concise as possible. Let's keep everyone "in the loop" ! The Maine areas we're presently covering in this category are: Aroostook County, Washington County, Ellsworth/MDI, Bangor, Belfast/Camden, Waterville/Skowhegan, and Dover-Foxcroft.

THE BRIDGE ALLIANCE

Connecting a proud GLBTA Community

Many Thanks!

The Board and membership of The Bridge Alliance would like to thank all the wonderful folks that made our Coming Out Halloween Party such a smashing success.

The food was scrumptious,

the DJ spun nothing but the best,

there were prizes galore,

we danced and danced and had a blast due to the fun-loving capacity crowd that honored us with their presence.

And you may congratulate yourselves at helping to raise the money to fund this year's events!

Once again, thanks so much!

Please look forward to our next event!

A Family Christmas Party

EVENTS (CHANGING):

* **DEC 1 (Saturday),** Portland, **Lesbian All-Stars Revue** (music, acting, singing, humor, skits), 8:00 pm, at the St. Lawrence Arts Center, 78 Congress St, in Portland. This is a fundraiser for Lesbian Radio on WMPG in Portland, and we are thrilled by this opportunity. Get ready, get set, and get lesbian at the very lesbian radio talent show. THIS SHOW IS SOLD OUT!! But try calling anyway ... there could be some cancellations and a few tickets could become available. Call 775-5568. FMI contact Virginia at lesbianradio@hotmail.com

* **DEC 1 (Saturday),** Bangor

EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK HOSTS WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT IN BANGOR

(**BANGOR**) – In observance of World AIDS Day on December 1st, **Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN)** is hosting an evening of reflection and remembrance.

With more people in Maine living with HIV/AIDS than ever before and new diagnoses on the rise, we face greater challenges in prevention, education, care and treatment than ever before. Since the beginning of the epidemic, experience has clearly demonstrated that significant advances in the response to HIV have been achieved when there is strong and committed leadership. In response, the theme for World AIDS Day 2007 is "leadership". Leadership must be demonstrated at every level to get ahead of the disease - in families, in communities, in countries and internationally.

Saturday, December 1 at 6:00pm, the community is invited to gather at Hammond Street Congregational Church for an open house which will feature panels from the national AIDS quilt, a display of the timeline of

HIV, information about HIV/AIDS, and red ribbons for the public.

At 6:30pm, the Rev. Mark Doty will give a brief talk about the reason for World AIDS Day, the meaning of the red ribbon, and the importance of community support and leadership. Candles will be distributed and everyone will then process to Hannibal Hamlin Park (between Franklin and Central Streets, along Kenduskeag Stream) to light luminaries and hold a candlelight vigil in recognition of the 20th Annual World AIDS Day.

We hope that you will join us to recognize those who have been affected by this disease and unite to put a stop to the havoc it wreaks in our local and global community.

* **DEC 14 (Friday),** Portland, **8th Annual USM Royal Majesty Drag Show and Competition** to be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay on Spring Street in Portland. More details coming soon online at www.usm.maine.edu/glbtqa

* **DEC 22 (Saturday),**

The Bridge Alliance will host a GLBTA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies) ***Family Christmas Party*** at the Maine Discovery Museum, Main Street, Bangor, Maine on December 22, 2007 from 5:30-8:30. All members of the GLBTA community are welcome and encouraged to join in this very special Christmas celebration. *And it's free!* The evening will be a time to celebrate the spirit of the season. The museum offers opportunities for fun and learning to kids of all ages. Gregg Chappelle and members of the Bridge Alliance will lead us in Christmas Carols around the piano. Santa himself will make a special appearance with gifts for the Children. Santa is so good to have taken time out of his busy schedule just days before Christmas. Refreshments of cookies and juice will be served as well.

* **DEC 23 (Sunday),** Aroostook County,

Northen Lambda Nord's
Christmas party and dance. Appetizers at 4pm, dinner at 5.
Please call for more information and directions.
Contact Us:
Kent 207-538-7630
Theresa 207-694-2639
http://www.northernlambdanord.com/
PO Box 244
Blaine, Me 04734
northernlambda@verizon.net

* **DEC 31 (Monday),** Portland, Pink Carpet Productions presents Crazy 8, a black-and-white **New Year's Eve Ball**. (hmmm...another excuse to wear a tux!!) Stay tuned for more info, or you can keep up to date and order your tickets at www.pinkcarpetproductions.com

EVENTS (ONGOING):

FIRST FRIDAY LESBIAN POTLUCK. First Friday of every month. Belfast, Starts around 6 pm. FMI and/or directions, contact Annie at a.doherty1@verizon.net or call 338-6347.

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

OUTRAGEOUSLY SUPPORTIVE. Every other Thursday. 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. For more information contact Sharon

at 207-990-3626 or emanpeer@gwi.net or go to http://www.outright-bangor.org.

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 Tuesday, meetings held in Bangor, for any high school student from the ages of 14 to 18 yrs. old with questions about HIV/AIDS and/or an interest in peer-education. We have group check-ins, group discussion, watch movies, snacks. GLBTQ friendly. Meets from 3:30 – 5:30pm at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 370 Harlow St. For more information, contact Joe at 207-990-3626 or jsargent@gwi.net or go to http://www.outright-bangor.org

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 December 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.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS:

Eric L. Sirois, LMT
9 Central Street, 4th Floor
at Central Street Yoga
Bangor, ME 04401
Ph: 207-735-7447
email: Eric@CentralStreetYoga.com
web: www.CentralStreetYoga.com
Bodywork services available by appointment in downtown Bangor and home office in Brewer. Sessions range from relaxation and Swedish massage to deep tissue and myofascial release techniques. Gift certificates available.

PERSONALS:

Recently out 36-year-old married lesbian looking for other lesbians who have been or are married - for discussion, friendship or companionship. I am in the Bangor area. Contact me at mommy2twins@adelphia.net

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.

no listings this issue

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.

Dexter, house share. Lesbian homeowner mid 40's looking for the right person for a house share. Two story, 2-bedroom, full basement, large front porch, backyard, in-town. Rent negotiable for help with minor cosmetic home improvements. Smoker ok, pets ?, no cats as a parrot rules the roost, therefore must like birds. e-mail Lauri xgdd@earthlink.net, be sure to put "rental" in the subject line as I have High security spam block.

Durham, house mate wanted (close to Freeport). M/F House mate wanted...basement apartment...have your OWN private (semi-furnished) bedroom, large living space (cable TV), & bathroom...share kitchen....No dogs...cats OK.

$600/month...includes every thing. Call Lou at 353-6536 or irishgreen4222@yahoo.com

Franklin, apartment for rent. Second floor, 2 bedroom apt., close to bay and lakes, 1/2 hr to Bar Harbor. No pets or smokers please. Substance-free space. $550 + heat, share elec. Contact: Fran at 565-0984

Hampden, townhouses for rent. Beautiful, brand new, affordable two bedroom 1.5 bath townhouses with full basements conveniently located 1.5 miles outside of Bangor in Hampden. Heat, HW, lawn care, plowing, trash removal included. No smoking/No dogs. $880.00 per month, lease, deposit. Call Erlene at 949-4577.

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.

Lincolnville, house for rent. Two bed, two bath home in quiet, private area with pond and mountain views. Easy to heat, clean, and long term rental history. Just 3 miles to Lincolnville Beach, Camden and Belfast 15-20 minutes. Smoke free. $750/month plus heat and utilities. Call Dwight at 207-763-4849.

Newport, house mate wanted. Gay non-smoking male building a house in Newport and would like to find a house mate. Pay rent or in exchange for painting and helping me do some light carpentry. Contact Marc at adventurechallenge@msn.com or 890-7133.

Orono, Room for rent. Family home with one adult and two elementary school age children. The house is a short walk to Main Street bus stop. Quarter mile from Mills Street and a half mile from UM campus. Renter shares bathroom with children. $400/month, utilities included. FMI call Laurie at 866-7008 or email laurie@maine.edu

Otis, Roomate Wanted. Female seeking same for roomate. Room is very small but very affordable. The room is furnished, with only a twin bed, and storage for clothing. There is only room for perhaps your TV and computer. The place is cozy in a campy kind of way, near Beech Hill Pond. Located in a quiet rural area 20 minutes to Ellsworth, 25 minutes to Bangor. There's a small circle of gay women in the neighborhood. $300/month includes everything. Perfect for someone in transition. So, If you're looking for affordable, give me a call. Lynn at 537-3366 or at 460-1376 or by email at lucky62365@aol.com

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:

AA Meeting for people living with HIV/AIDS. Meets on Thursday Evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 at 49 Oak Street in Portland. FMI contact Scott at ScottTopsum@hotmail.com

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 . You can also check the web site at www.howardfoundation07.org

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, 973-3586 or 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.

(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@roadrunner.com 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. (AUGUSTA) An organization that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). This group is sponsored by 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

Clay Hill Farm Restaurant (OGUNQUIT) hosts a variety of women-only events during the year. Among them are a Christmas Season dinner-dance, a women's Valentine's Day dinner-dance (for both couples AND singles), and a Spring Soiree in June. You can check out the web site at www.clayhillfarm.com . To get on the e-mail list for their Events For Women, send your request to Jackie at Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com

Coastal Women's Connection. (BRUNSWICK TO PORTLAND COASTAL AREA) A women's social group that holds dances, BBQs, softball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI about their activities you can join their yahoo group site (they have an events calendar) at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coastalwomensconnection . Click on request to join and mention that you are a lesbian and would like to join. Request will be approved as soon as a moderator gets it. You can also see their web site at www.coastalwomensconnection.com

just guys. (AUGUSTA) A social group for men who have sex with men meets every Wednesday at the **just guys** 1950's library café, second floor, 9 Green St, in Augusta. We work to create a safe, welcoming space free of attitude, ego, gossip, labels, or judgment. Drop in for casual chat, cookies, and coffee Wednesday any time from 5:30 to 7:00. The regular weekly meetings are 7-8:30. The night's activities can include discussions, games, guest speakers, or movies, and always fun snacks. Join us, bring a friend, come share! Free, anonymous, 20-minute rapid oral test is available with appointment anytime. FMI contact Lew at 621-3794. More information, weekly updates at www.justguys.info

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

Maine Street Bar (OGUNQUIT) hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php

Northern Lambda Nord. (AROOSTOOK COUNTY) A GLBTQ social group that 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 by going to www.northernlambdanord.com

Out!...As I Want To Be. (ROCKLAND) An organization 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. (PORTLAND) 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) (PORTLAND) An organization 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 call 874-1022 or email prysm@commcc.org

Seacoast Sapphos (PORTLAND TO PORTSMOUTH) A women's social group that sponsors 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-n-Friends. (BATH TO DAMARISCOTTA AREA) 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. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Peg at chickp3@gmail.com or check the web site at http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/

Thrive (PORTLAND AREA). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for gay-identified men and MSM by offering them social opportunities, health education and alternatives to the bar-scene and on-line hook-ups. Thrive sponsors a variety of low-key social events like coffee houses and movie nights. By directly meeting their needs, Thrive gives gay men a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported and accepted. Our goal is to make Portland, ME a great place to thrive. FMI call 233-9364 or email thrive@portlandmaine.gov or check the web site at www.thrivemaine.com .

Trans_Port_Me (PORTLAND) This is a Trans-support group 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, in Portland ME. Call 207-233-8157 on Saturdays (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

WAYVES (Canadian Maritimes) For those FAN readers who are near the Canadian maritime provinces there is a monthly newspaper, called **WAYVES**, which is put out by the maritme GLBT community. It's put out in print copy only, covers all the maritime provinces, and contains feature articles, regular columns, listings of groups and services, listings of GLBT events coming up, and business ads. A subscription sent to the U.S. is $30/year CDN. FMI about subscribing contact Jim McMillan at 902-826-7356, email submissions@wayves.ca , or write to Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3S1. You can also check their web site at www.wayves.ca

Yankee Boyz. (AUBURN) 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@roadrunner.com or call 783-4630.

WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS:

Deserve to Know. A web site sponsored by The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention which features community resources for men who have sex with men (MSM) and all who are working to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in Maine. This interactive Web site features a community calendar, HIV testing sites, and other helpful information. D2K will provides an anonymous and friendly place to browse information about HIV, HIV testing and men's health issues. It also features local and national news and information geared toward the MSM community. Check it out at www.deservetoknowme.org

Maine Gay Men's Weekly News Letter is an email newsletter focusing on organizations and activities in southern Maine. It is primarily for gay men, but they do include some general GLBT activities info and links to various GLBT organizations around the state. FMI, to see a sample copy, or to be added to their mailing list, send Joe an email

at cascogays@gmail.com with your request.

Maine GayNet Listserve. A long-running listserve for the Maine GLBTQ community which allows members to post notices, opinions, etc. (in a broadcast manner) to everyone else on the listserve. To join the Maine GayNet listserve, send the following command in the body of a message to majordomo@groups.queernet.org: subscribe me-gaynet youremailaddress

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

Maine-Motorcycle-Women. Family member Vicky has set up a group on Google for women motorcyclists. Check it out at: http://groups.google.com/group/maine-motorcycle-women?lnk=srg FMI contact Vicky at vrooommaine@gmail.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.