

ACLA Update: August 1996

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Easy Ways to Help Us Make Money

Bottle Returns

Do your shopping at the Auburn Shaw's, on Center Street, during September, and save all your returnable bottles to bring with you. Put your bottles and deposit slips in the community donations boxes, and ACLA will receive all the proceeds. Then, save up bottles until November - we'll be doing the same thing at Shaw's on Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Become a Member of ACLA

We are about to launch our first membership campaign. Expect to get a mailing about this soon. And would you like to



- co- host a house party ?
 - Identify people you know who might support ACLA?
- Let Gracia know.

Controversy!!

Wondering How to Deal with It?



Help Is on the Way!!

Dealing with controversial issues is never easy, but in some types of work it's an everyday part of life.

Anyone doing AIDS work knows that AIDS elicits all kinds of emotional responses from the community. People involved in the **Special Initiative** have expressed the need for some help in dealing with the controversies that arise as they work on AIDS issues. Nancy Bullett, ACLA Special Initiative Coordinator, and Joanne Joy, of the HIV Prevention Community Planning Group in Augusta, are planning a one-day workshop for anyone who is interested. It will probably take place in the Lewiston-Auburn area in late September — we'll get details out to you as soon as they're available. If you are interested and/or want to have some input in the planning, call Nancy at ACLA.



Tupperware for AIDS Work

Host a Tupperware Party and 15-25% of the sales receipts will go to ACLA. David Bouthillette will set up a Tupperware party for you that includes games, prizes, demonstrations and displays of the newest products. Hold one at a family gathering, club meeting, or as a way to get to know your neighbors. Or, order Tupperware for yourself without having a party, and ACLA will still benefit! Contact Gracia at ACLA for details.

Donation Jars

So far this year, we've made almost \$400 from the nickels and quarters put into donation jars at eight area businesses.



Where do you shop?
Where do you go out to eat?

Ask the owner of the business if we could put a small jar near the cash register... and let us know what they say!

MaineShare....

....Is a workplace giving campaign that supports statewide organizations working for health, the environment, economic opportunity, and social justice.

If your employer offers you a MaineShare pledge card, consider checking off the Maine AIDS Alliance to receive your pledge. MAA is a consortium of Maine's community based AIDS service organizations.

Coming Up

Call 786-4697 For More Information on Any of these Events

September:

Safer Sex Week at Bates College,

Sep. 30 - Oct. 4.
Info: Sean at
ACLA.



Workshop on **Dealing with Controversy!** Info: Nancy at ACLA..

Great Sexpectations: Is There Gay Culture in Lewiston? Damn Right There is. An Open Forum on Love, Life and Sex. Sep. 26.

Family Fall Foliage **Bike-A-Thon** to benefit MaineShare. Info: 622-0105.



October



Names Project **AIDS Memorial Quilt** on display in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11 - 13. Info: Names Project/Maine at 774-2198.

Great Sexpectations: Open House All Night!, Oct. 24.

November

ACLA **Volunteer Training for buddies**, other support volunteers, and volunteers interested in doing public speaking about HIV/AIDS. Call ACLA for an application.



Coming this Fall:

Workshop on **Substance Abuse/HIV Risk Reduction.** Info: Sean at ACLA

The **Donna Q Show** for gay and bisexual men. Info: Sean at ACLA



December:



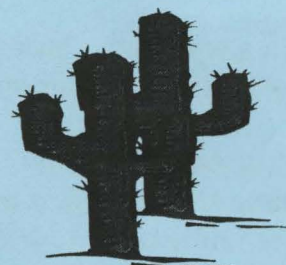
World AIDS Day, Dec. 1st.

In loving memory of Mark Blanchard, who died suddenly on August 8th, after an automobile accident. Mark was a long time volunteer at ACLA who brought enthusiasm and good cheer in the door whenever he came. He worked on the Maine AIDS Walk and faithfully collected our donation jars each month...and did whatever else we needed. He was a significant part of ACLA's history and we will remember him with affection.

Great Sexpectations

Drop-In sessions for gay and bi men of all ages, 7 - 10 PM at the AIDS Coalition office, 4 Lafayette Street, Lewiston (at the intersection of Campus and Sabattus). Good talk, good fellowship, an alternative — or addition — to the bar.

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Do You Know How To Deal with Controversy?