

The NETWORKER
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Greetings!!!

Though hardly sophisticated in format, this first issue of our newsletter marks a significant advance for the Gay/Lesbian Community Network.

We hope through this modest effort to help network members (and prospective members) strengthen communications among our various parts. The truth is that there are many lesbian/gay communities in eastern/northern Maine -- "pockets" we have taken to calling them at meetings -- and bringing them together for positive action and change requires regular, intentional information-sharing (among other things).

So, our present plan is to publish once each month -- near the first of the month -- shortly after each 'umbrella' meeting of the network (those meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month).

Items for the newsletter need to be in the hands of the newsletter committee by the first of each month in order to be included in that month's issue. Send them to GLCN Newsletter Committee, Post Office Box 212, Bangor, Maine 04401, or call one of the committee members.

By the way, the name chosen is temporary -- the committee is open to suggestions, and would be glad to publish all ideas in the next issue. Perhaps a readers' vote could then decide. Send us your thoughts.

And, please send us your news -- lets hear from all those pockets. We know you're out there! Now, we want you 'out' here.

Rob Gorsline & Cecilia McNicholas
Newsletter Committee

Orono Boogie

Yes, Maude, we're having a dance!

Orono's Keith Anderson Community House will be hoppin' and shakin' on Saturday, September 16 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

DJ Wendy B. again will provide the music and the show, members of the network will provide some of the support and legwork, and you and your friends will (we hope) provide the \$\$ (not to mention raising the temperature with some hot footwork).

The community house is located on Bennoch Road in Orono (just off Main Street behind the post office).

See you there.

A Member Wants to Network

"Am interested in starting a 'partners of incest survivors ' support group for gay men and lesbians. If you would also be interested please contact me at 942-9369 -- leave message if necessary."

Network Calendar

Wednesday, September 13

Support Group Task Force meeting (this is a business meeting to strategize around setting up support groups, not a support group meeting) -- 7:30 p.m., Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central Street, Bangor (third floor above downtown Mr. Paperback)

Saturday, September 16

Dance at the Keith Anderson Community House in Orono (see story)

Wednesday, September 20

Political/Education Task Force meeting -- 7:30 p.m., Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central Street, Bangor

Wednesday, September 27

Gay/Lesbian Community Network 'Umbrella' Group meeting (means the entire membership and all others willing to stand under, you guessed it, the umbrella) -- 7:30 p.m., Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central Street, Bangor

News Notes

-the network address is GLCN, P.O. Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401 (thanks to a generous donor)
-Patti Woolley and Rob G. are meeting with Miles Frieden, an attorney in Searsport, to develop incorporation papers
-Marguerite Roosen reports that BAGLSC officers are willing to work with us to make a smooth transition from one group to another
-Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) is eager to help us develop political strategies and techniques
-Senator William Cohen responded to our letter saying he is a co-sponsor of federal hate crimes statistics legislation (Sen. Mitchell was already and we say thank you to him)
-Larry D. of Lincoln made it possible for this newsletter to reach you via U.S. Mail -- Thank YOU!
-Wendy B. (989-1680) needs to hear from you about ideas for future dance sites (the Orono site is by no means sure after September) -- PLEASE HELP, we can network on this and find the right place
-Support Group Task Force needs input about community needs and suggestions for resource people (Robin Long 862-5907)