

ACLA Update October 1996

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World AIDS Day



Mark your calendars for December 1st, World AIDS Day. That

evening, ACLA is sponsoring a candlelight vigil around this year's theme of *One World, One Hope*. Watch the ACLA Update for more details as they become available.

Bottle Returns

Shop at Shaw's on 1035 Lisbon St. in Lewiston throughout November and help support ACLA at the same time. Save all of your returnable bottles and bring them to Shaw's. ACLA will receive the proceeds when you put your bottles and deposit slips into the community donations boxes located there.

Safe Schools Coalition

The **Safe Schools Coalition**, with support from the AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn, is working to address school safety for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Our group is made up of school personnel, parents, youth and other interested members.

Dealing with Controversy has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 7. It will be at the same location as was previously scheduled: Central Maine Medical Center, Wilson Classroom, 9am-3pm. Space is limited. Joanne Joy with the HIV Prevention Community Planning Group and Nancy Bullett, ACLA Special Initiative Coordinator, will present a program including conflict management, skill building, and an introduction to social marketing. To pre-register, call Nancy at ACLA.



On Wednesday, November 6th, the **Safe Schools Coalition** and the UU Church Social Action Committee are co-sponsoring a **Safe Schools Forum** at the First Universalist Church of Auburn, 169 Pleasant Street, Auburn. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner from 6 to 7pm. A public forum on school safety, especially for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth will run from 7 to 8:30pm.

For more information about the forum or to take part in the **Safe Schools Coalition**, call Nancy at ACLA.

Outright is an organization whose mission is to create safe, positive and affirming environments for young gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning people, ages 22 and under. Outright aspires to a youth-driven philosophy in which youth needs and beliefs form decisions, and a collaboration of youth and adults provides support, education, advocacy, and social activities.



Outright/Lewiston-Auburn is still seeking volunteer adult advisors to staff the youth drop-in sessions. To volunteer or for more information, call Nancy at ACLA.

Any athletes out there? A friend of mine did the Pease Island to Portland Swim this summer just for fun, but she single-handedly raised \$2500 for abused children while doing it. Two college students raised \$14,000 for families of AIDS patients biking across the US last summer. You don't have to wait for the AIDS Walk; if you are planning any biking, hiking, horseback riding or in-line skating this fall, or you'd like more motivation to exercise, let me know and I will show you how to turn it into an ACLA fundraiser.



Gracia

Reminders...

- Become a member of ACLA as we launch our first membership campaign.
- Host a Tupperware party and 15-25% of the sales receipts will go to ACLA.
- Ask local business owners to put a small jar near the cash register to collect donations for ACLA.

Contact Gracia at ACLA for more details.

Coming up

For more information on any of these events call 786-4697

NOVEMBER



Positively Negative

Series of workshops for HIV-negative gay and bisexual men interested in staying HIV-negative

November 6 4:30-5:30pm

November 13 4:30-5:30pm

November 20 4:30-5:30pm

at the ACLA office

CANAL Meeting

November 11 8:30-10am

Location TBA

MSM Advisory Committee Meeting

November 21 6:30-8:30pm
at the ACLA office

Training for outreach workers/ peer educators

Date and time TBA

OCTOBER



Express Yourself

Workshops for gay and bisexual men dealing with substance use and abuse who are interested in HIV risk reduction

Tuesday, October 1 4-5pm

Tuesday, October 8 4-5pm

Tuesday, October 15 4-5pm

at the Institute for Spontaneity, 105 Middle Street, Lewiston

Queer Men's Retreat Weekend

Organizational meeting for the 1997 retreat weekend

Wednesday, October 9 6:30-8:30pm at the ACLA office

MSM Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 17 6:30-8:30pm at the ACLA office

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, October 18 8:30am at the ACLA office

CANAL (Community AIDS Network of Auburn and Lewiston)

Meeting, Monday, October 21 8:30-10am at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center



Great Sexpectations

The Great Sexpectations for Gay and Bisexual Men Open House: tricks and treats with other queer men.

When: October 24 7-10pm

Where: AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn
4 Lafayette Street, Lewiston

November- December

Retreat planning meetings

Dates and times TBA

December-January

Looking for volunteers interested in distributing Valentine's Day condom cards to area bars on Valentine's Day, February 14



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