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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.

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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.

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, 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
Coming up

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

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
The Great Expectations 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

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

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

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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