

Common Circle for Human Rights

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LAST CHANCE TO LOBBY YOUR LEGISLATOR TO PASS L.D. 1116 - AN ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION!!!

If you have not done so already please immediately call or write your state representative & senator and urge them to Vote Yes on this bill. MLGPA especially requests that people in Donald Berry's (Belmont, Waldo, Morrill, Lincolnville, Searsport, Swanville, Searsmont) and Rodney McElroy's (Burnham, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Montville, Palermo, Thorndike, Troy, Unity) districts are especially asked to contact them, For State Reps: call 1-800-423-2900 or House of Representatives, State House Station #2, Augusta 04333. At home Mr. Berry is 342-5675 and Mr. McElroy is 948-5225.

If you speak to either of these gentlemen and get a definite response, one way or the other let Mitzi know at 338-5889. We believe Joe Brooks (Brooks, Monroe, Frankfort, Jackson, Prospect, Stockton Springs, Winterport) will vote to pass, but if anyone could confirm this to Mitzi it would be appreciated. They are trying to get a head count in the House as the vote to pass there is not as sure as it is in the Senate! Other folks should send letters of thanks to Senator Susan Longley for her co-sponsorship and leadership on this historic piece of legislation and to State Rep. David Lindahl (Belfast, Isleboro, Northport) for his promised support. Senator Longley can be reached at State House Station #3, Augusta 04333 or 1-800-423-6900 and Rep. Lindahl at the above House of Representatives address.

UPCOMING COMMON CIRCLE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!!!!!!!

APRIL 28 - Monday

7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. ST. MARGARET'S PARISH HOUSE, 49 Court St. (corner of Elm and Court). Belfast. Please join us for some focused planning for the next 4 months regarding meetings and other activities. We especially are encouraging anyone with energy or information to assist in planning or carrying out tasks for the Hate Awareness Day in June and the "Love Makes A Family" photo exhibit in the fall. Let's generate ideas for programs/discussions and get updates on legislative and grant writing activities.

APRIL 30 Wednesday

7:00 P.M. and on for the COMING OUT EPISODE of ELLEN on ABC. SHOW TIME is either 8:00 or 8:30 and the show is an hour! Bring your popcorn poppers and non-alcoholic beverages!!! Let's have some fun together. Maybe

celebrate a legislative victory??? Invite friends!!!! This event will be at the home of Nan Stone on Oak Hill Rd., Swanville. Directions: From intersection of High & Main St. in Belfast go out High St.(past movie theater) exactly 7.1 miles. About two miles out the road will fork (bear right over RR tracks). Look for large rainbow colored mailbox on Right and turn into driveway. The house is not visible from the road. Nan's phone is 338-5559.

May 5
Monday

7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Deb Hockensmith, 338-1704, is inviting all interested parties to come to her home, 12 Pearl St., Belfast to plan for the Hate Awareness Day event.

BOYCOTT ADVERTISERS AND THANK THE ELLEN SUPPORTERS!

The religious right succeeded in getting Chrysler Corporation and J.C. Penney to withdraw their advertising for the Ellen series! Don't buy their products and let them know why! Also thank Pres. James Tavares, ABC Television Network, 2040 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angeles, Ca. 90067 or e-mail at <http://www.abc.com/vvoice/index.html> for introducing an openly gay character into television. Also thank Walt Disney Company, Chairman Michael Eisner, 500 South Buena Vista St., Burbank, Ca. 91521. <http://www.Disney.com/Mail>.

COMMON CIRCLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS APPLIES FOR MAINE EQUITY FUND GRANTS

Carol Good, Deb Hockensmith, and Mitzi Lichtman outdid themselves to meet the grant deadline set by the Maine Community Foundation and submitted what we think are three excellent proposals for funding. They include "Love Makes a Family" Photo Exhibit, a Hate Awareness Day and an operating cost subsidy for our group. We'll know by late May whether our proposals were accepted for funding!!

Our thanks to John Cronin for proof-reading! We also sincerely thank Lynne Kaplowitz and the Maine Chapter of 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women for agreeing to be our fiscal sponsor for this grant!!

GLSTN -GAY-LESBIAN &STRAIGHT TEACHERS NETWORK

Downeast Maine Chapter, P.O. Box 373, Ellsworth, ME. 04605 667-2538. Peter Rees of Ellsworth is the local contact. They meet to plan for the safety and well being of all students and teachers in schools, without regard to sexual orientation. You do not have to be a teacher to be involved with GLSTN!! Contact Peter if you are interested! Our group could use a contact!

Community Calendar

- April 19** Dance sponsored by Out on MDI and Outspoken
8:00 P.M. to Midnite \$7 Gates Center, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor
- April 19** Women's Dance - Proceeds to Benefit So. Maine Chapter of GLSTN
8:00 P.M. to Midnite, \$5, Williston West Church, 32 Thomas St., Portland
- April 17,18, 19** Oak St. Theatre. One Person Shows on Gay & Lesbian Lives 8 P.M.
The Texas Trinity
24,25,26 You're Just Like My Father
May 1,2,3 Skin & Ornaments
Call Theatre at 775-5103. Benefit for Pride Fund.
- April 26** Building Community and Welcoming Diversity. Sponsored by the
National Coalition Building Institute. 8:30 to 4:00 P.M. \$65.00 or \$35.00 for low
income/student. Unitarian Universalist Church, Winthrop St., Augusta. Call Diane Gilman at
882-8022 for more info. To register send to Diane, NCBI, R.R. 3, Box 502, Woolwich 04579
- April 28** Common Circle for Human Rights Monthly Meeting 7:00 P.M.
St. Margaret's Parish House, 49 Court St., Belfast. See front for details. Questions call
338-5889.
- April 30** Ellen Comes Out - House Party at Nan Stone's in Swanville. 7:00 P.M.
See front for details
- May 3** Benefit Concert for Holocaust Human Rights Center 993-2620
Violinist and pianist. e-mail to <http://www.state.me.us//msl/hhrc.html> Call 338-5889
- May 3** Women's Coffeehouse To Benefit Womland
7:00pm; Belfast Free Library; Women only; \$6.00 plus or minus
- May 4** Day of Remembrance. Contact Holocaust Human Rights Center
At above e-mail address or call 993-2620 for details and location.
- May 9 & 10** Maine Speakout Project Gathering
Friday evening 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. with dinner. \$38.00 both days or \$15 for Sat.
Saturday 7:30 to 5:00 P.M. with Breakfast & Lunch. Can go just for Sat.
Call 879-0480 or e-mail MSOPProject@aol.com
- May 10** SHIRA (Midcoast's Lesbian Accapella Group) Sings with the Quasimodals
Our own, Sarah Nicholson is a member!! 7:30 P.M. Camden Public Library, Upstairs
in old library. Free tickets with donation recommended!! Call 236-3440
Let's make this a Common Circle Supported Event. Maybe dinner before at
the Indian Restaurant? Call 338-5889 if you want to go and meet.
- May 17** CONFERENCE ON LESBIAN HEALTH & SEXUALITY
\$20.00 Southern Maine Nursing College, Portland, Call Linda Wolfe AT 865-9768
- May 29 -
June 1** Springfest - Women's Camping Weekend
Call 737-0930. This is in the mid-coast area.

- June 13-15** **Symposium XXIII: Community -- Come In Unity!!!**
Workshops, recreation, entertainment designed for the GLBT community.
Southern Maine Technical College, South Portland Campus
Please preregister ASAP, organizers need a commitment of attendance.
To register or volunteer, call 625-8499
To become a workshop leader, call Susan at 785-3664
- June 13** **Kate Clinton at Symposium XXIII - Bob Green Lead-in- Sponsored by MLGPA**
For tickets to concert only - Call 773-6974
- June 18-22** **Southern Maine Pride Week**
Events include dance and parade!!!
For more information, contact Southern Maine Pride
P.O. Box 11502
Portland, ME 04104
Laurie Fortman, Executive Director 878-0546 or
Michael Rosetti, Operations Director 879-7323 (e-mail: smepride@gwi.net)
- Late June** **Hate Awareness Day - Belfast** Contact Deb at 338-1704 to help!
- July 13 - 18** **Seminars on Teaching the Holocaust by Holocaust Human Rights Center**
Aug. 3 - 8 **More info? See previous e-mail address and phone.**
- Aug. 1 - 4** **Diversity Leadership Institute - 7th Annual by Holocaust Human Rights Center.** More info? See previous e-mail address and phone.
- Aug. 16 - 18** **Gay Times Festival in Bar Harbor**
More info later. Keynotes scheduled Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon
- Mid-Sept. or** **Love Makes A Family - Photo Exhibit and Text. Roundtable Discussion on**
Mid-Nov, **What Makes a Family. Call Mitzi to get involved. 338-5889.**

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