

Maine Bisexual People's Network Newsletter, April 1992

P.O. Box 10772, Portland, ME 04104

In April only, we will meet on the 2nd Sunday. Otherwise group meets 3rd Sunday of every month, 1-4 pm, at 18 Center St., Brunswick.

Hi Folks,

We had a very good March meeting and are looking forward to meeting more of you in April. Note that for April only, in order to miss Easter, we will be meeting on the **2nd Sunday**, same time and place.

We will continue to use Dr. Conrad Wurtz's office at 18 Center St. in Brunswick. Directions: Center St. is one way east off Main St. between the First Wok and The Bowdoin Restaurants. From Portland and I-295, take the one way cutoff from Rte 1 to Main (Pleasant St.) Turn left on Main. Center will be the first real street on the right (skip alleys & parking lots.) Look for the 1st Wok &/or Bowdoin Restaurants. Coming from Topsham/Lewiston, go south on Main from the bridge at Rte 1. Center is the 4th street on the left south of the bridge. The building is a white carriage house set back from the street on the right. Park behind #16, the dentist's office. Use the front door. (Please note that we can't call in to Dr. Wurtz's office because incoming calls are picked up by his answering service.)

Two of us attended the last Boston Bi Brunch and missed the big Portland snowfall. Before and after the brunch, my fellow traveler took in the Nat'l Gay/Lesbian/Bi Writers Conference and Glad Day Bookstore. He gave positive reports on both.

Some of us attended the Matlovitch Society's meeting on Boy Scouts and heard Terry tell how the BSA excludes sexual minorities from participation as scouts, leaders &/or parents because the minorities are UNHEALTHY. This exclusion appears to be in direct contradiction to the definitions of families and health printed in their handbook. Write *Our Paper* &/or the *Portland Press Herald* and ask why they didn't think this story was newsworthy.

Maine folks aren't taking this lying down. GLAD has provided Terry with a lawyer. Calls and letters are urged. (See enclosed list.) Efforts have been increased to include sexual minorities in civil rights legislation. And Portland folks are trying to start a city human rights commission! Please write &/or call the Boy Scouts and your reps. You may want to join a new ME organization, the Forgotten Scouts.

Our Paper seems to have had a staff schism. As a result, you may want to look for a new monthly publication, *Apex*. One year subscription: \$15 to Phoenix Press, P.O. Box 4743, Portland 04112.

This year's statewide conference, the Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's **Symposium XIX**, Friday-Mon., May 22-25 at U. ME at Presque Isle, hosted by Northern Lambda Nord, a gay-lesbian-bisexual organization. (P.O. Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736. 498-2088 voice.) Speakers, entertainment, films, workshops, dancing, etc. Housing in dorm rooms. Several meal plans available. Child care. You must pre-register by May 1. I have brochures and application

forms. Altho the drive is long, I'm sure the conference will be wonderful. It was when I attended it at USM several years ago, and there was good bi representation.

The Names Project has sent us an announcement about **The Quilt**. Sections will be on display 4/1 at Kingfield, 4/7 & 8 at U ME, Presque Isle; tentatively Colby 4/14 & Bates 4/25. 5/8-11, Skowhegan High School; 5/17 Portland; 5/20-24 at Symposium XIX. The annual candlelight March and Memorial Service will be in Portland on 5/17. Volunteers are needed for every part of this. P.O. Box 4319, Portland, 04101. 774-2198.

The entire AIDS quilt will be displayed Oct. 9-11, 1992 in D.C. The Maine Names Project will participate and needs volunteers to read and unfold the quilt. Call David Ketchum at 934-4997 for information.

The NAMES Project/ME has quilt workshops 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month at The Sewing Shop, 461 Stevens Ave., Portland. A chance to make a panel, help others make a panel, get help making a panel. 774-2198 for info.

The Committee on Sexual Minorities of Maine's National Assoc. of Social Workers is compiling a directory of mental health resources for sexual minorities of all preferences and ages. We're trying to locate resources in all parts of Maine and hope to place the finished directory with mental health workers, doctors, schools, colleges, hospitals, and clinics. If you know about resources &/or have ideas for places to put the directory, let me know.

Matlovitch Society continues to present great speakers, 7:30-9 pm, 2nd and 4th Thurs. at the Portland Public Library. 4/9: The Nazi War on Homosexuals (at Ptd Museum of Art). 4/23: Reproductive Rights and Gay People. 6/11: **Bisexuality**. Complete schedule printed in "Our Paper" &/or \$20 to P.O. Box 942, Portland 04104. for a 1 yr. tax deductible Society membership. Also, the Society's office at 72 Pine St is open Sun. afternoons so folks will have a safe space to meet/visit/hang out.

Biversity Boston calendar: (events at The Center, 138 Newbury St., 2nd floor, Boston, unless otherwise noted. Information from ECBN (617) 247-6683 (BIS-MOVE) Apr. 5, Bi Space at the Center, 8-10 pm. Apr. 11, Biversity Film Series, 6 pm, *Frida*. donation requested. Apr. 18, Monthly Bi Brunch, Au Bon Pain, Harvard Sq. 10:45 am. Bi Space May 3, 8-10pm. May 8-9: Cambridge Quartet, bisexually oriented one act plays, 8 pm.

June 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.) BiFest '92 including **6/13 Pride March**, Boston. Several of us will be attending BiFest and marching with bi groups from all over New England in the Pride parade. Last year's BiFest events included films, workshops, a dance, brunches, and a lot of fun hanging out.

June 6, Sat., Portland Pride March. Details later.

Hope to see you on April 12. Carpooling encouraged. Call me for connections. [REDACTED] Contributions to the potluck refreshments are also appreciated but certainly not mandatory.

If you are receiving this newsletter and want to be taken off the mailing list, please let me know so I can save the postage. Thanks.

Bi, bi for now,

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