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# MLGPA News

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## POLITICS

### Former Board Member runs for House

**K**ate Perkins, a former Board member of MLGPA is running for the Maine House of Representatives.

Kate is a Democrat from Kennebunk and seeks to represent District 8. Among her many diverse activities - Kate owns a consulting business called Strategic Resources, she has served on the Board of the Governors HIV Advisory Committee, and most recently was the field director for State Senator Dale McCormick's primary bid for Maine's 1st CD.

To date, Kate has been endorsed by MSEA, AFL-CIO, NOW and MLGPA.

Kate needs your help. Volunteers and financial contributions are at the top of her list. Please contact her at 985-2784 to volunteer and send contributions to Perkins for the Maine House, 42 York Street, Kennebunk, ME, 04043.

### Welcome Newcomers

**P**lease say hello to two new leaders in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Welcome to Steven T. Moskey, Executive Director of The AIDS Project; and to Tom Cathcart, Executive Director of the Peabody House.

## EDUCATION



**MLGPA: Fighting for fairness since 1984**

## OUTREACH

### Decline to Sign plans benefit

**C**ome to the Katahdin Restaurant (106 High St., Portland) on Sunday, October 6 from 3 - 6 p.m to mingle with a friendly crowd and show your support for the MLGPA supported project "Decline to Sign."

Our hope is to recruit enough volunteers this fall, and especially on Election Day, to encourage voters not to sign Carolyn Cosby's latest petition.

Cosby claims her goal is to defend "traditional, monogamous marriages" by making "extra sure" that gay marriages aren't legal in Maine. (Ed Note: While it is true that heterosexual marriages may need some help - over 50% of them end in divorce - we fail to see what this has to do with same-sex couples making long term commitments.) At any rate - our goal is simple:

**Prevent Cosby from getting her petition on the ballot. This will result in the savings of at least a million dollars and millions of volunteer hours. The stakes are high.**

So, please join us at Katahdin - and **JUST SAY NO to CAROLYN COSBY**, one more time.

**If you haven't sent in your membership renewal yet - please do it today! We need your help.  
Thanks!!**



## Letter from Tom Allen

To the members of the MLGPA,

I want to thank the many members of MLGPA who have joined my campaign to replace Jim Longley in Congress. I also want to pay tribute to your founder, Dale McCormick, on the outstanding campaign she waged and for the enthusiastic support she has shown for me since the Primary.

Dale and I share a common objective: to defeat Jim Longley and to do our part in retiring Newt Gingrich and the extremists who currently control the House of Representatives. Just recently we have seen how important a single vote is when the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) failed to pass in the U. S. Senate on a vote of 50 to 49. We also learned how important control of leadership is when Gingrich brought the ill-conceived Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) before the House. At best, this bill is unnecessary and constitutionally suspect. At worst, it represents contemptible "gay bashing," cynically employed to create and exploit divisions in our society. Yet, with Gingrich and his mentor Trent Lott in charge, it passed both houses of Congress.

Let me assure you that I support ENDA and oppose DOMA. You must never doubt my commitment to fight tirelessly to end discrimination in all forms.

In the coming campaign, I am determined not to let the extremists use divisive tactics to divert attention from the real problems that today threaten to undermine the nation's families: the growing income disparity between the very wealthy and the overwhelming majority of Americans; job insecurity and diminishing opportunity; quality education and job training; affordable universal health care; and a clean, healthy environment. I believe that I am connected to the people of this District far better than my opponent is or could ever hope to be. I will challenge Jim Longley to defend his record of voting to further an extreme party agenda at the expense of Maine's working people.

In addition to my commitment to human rights, I will also work in Congress to fully fund the Ryan White Act and find ways to assure that the encouraging new AIDS treatments are readily available and affordable. I will be an advocate for women, especially to remove the barriers that keep them from achieving economic

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prosperity. I will staunchly oppose any effort to limit their right to choose.

I am confident that I can defeat Longley, but to succeed, I will need vigorous support from groups like MLGPA and its members. Please call me at 774-9696 or send me any comments and suggestions by FAX at 774-7096 or e-mail at TomAllen96@neis.net.

Sincerely,  
Tom Allen

## Maine Senate - MLGPA Endorsements (as of Sept. 10)

### District Candidate

1	Judy Paradis, D-Frenchville
5	Jill Goldthwait, U-Bar Harbor
6	Richard Ruhlman, D-Brewer
7	Mary Cathcart, D-Orono
9	Robert Murray, Jr., D-Bangor
11	Susan Longley, D-Liberty
12	Rochelle Pingree, D-North Haven
13	S. Peter Mills, R-Skowhegan
14	Richard Carey, D-Belgrade
15	Beverly Daggett, D-Augusta
16	Marge Kilkelly, D-Wiscasset
17	James R. Burrill, D-Strong
18	Sharon Treat, D-Gardiner
19	Mary Small, R-Bath
20	John Nutting, D-Leeds
21	John Jenkins, D-Lewiston
22	John Cleveland, D-Auburn
23	Philip Harriman, R-Yarmouth
	John Portela, D-Brunswick
25	Brian Sessions, D-Norway
26	Jeffrey Butland, R-Cumberland Center
	Frederick Williams, D-Windham
27	Joel Abromson, R-Portland
	Boyd Marley, D-Portland
28	Anne Rand, D-Portland
29	William O'Gara, D-Westbrook
30	Jane Amero, R-Cape Elizabeth
31	Peggy Pendleton, D-Scarborough
	Joan Pendexter, R-Scarborough
32	Lloyd LaFountain, D-Biddeford
33	Gordon N. Paul, D-Sanford
34	Barbara C. Holt, D-Alfred
35	Mark Lawrence, D-Kittery Point

(Also see House endorsements on pg. 4)



## National Coming Out Day Rally - Oct. 11th

A gathering will be held on Friday, October 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to celebrate National Coming Out Day. Please join us in Congress Square - corner of High and Congress Streets, Portland.

Our goal is to join with hundreds of thousands of other g/l/b/t people across the country who will be holding similar rallies in their communities on this day - - and to remember those in our communities who have suffered violence at the hands of haters. For when we are visible we are also sometimes targets.

This rally is being held in conjunction with the YWCA's Week Without Violence initiative. The event is free and open to the public.

Note: This event is generously being co-sponsored by Southern Maine Pride, Gay/Lesbian/Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN), P-FLAG, and Outright. Thanks!!

## Employment Non-Discrimination Act

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1996 will go down in the history books. For the first time ever, the U.S. Senate considered whether or not to make it illegal to discriminate in the workplace against gay and lesbian employees.

As most of you know by now, we lost that battle by one vote. A democrat from Arkansas who indicated he would support the bill was called home to be at the bedside of a sick child. Vice President Gore was prepared to cast the tie breaking vote.

Alas, we may have lost that battle, but we are most certainly winning the war. In a May 1996 Newsweek poll 84% of Americans said they oppose workplace discrimination against gays. This is up from 56% in 1977.

While some in the U.S. Senate are trailing behind the rest of America, Senator William Cohen and Senator Olympia Snowe deserve our thanks for saying no to discrimination. Please write to each of them at the

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addresses below and express your warm support for their vote.

Senator William Cohen  
322 Hart Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1901  
Tel: 202-224-2523, Fax 202-224-2693

Senator Olympia Snowe  
174 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1902  
Tel: 202-224-5344, Fax 202-224-1946

### MLGPA 13TH ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1996

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

AUGUSTA UNITARIAN CHURCH  
69 WINTHROP STREET

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS VERY FUN AND  
IMPORTANT MEETING!

## Music/Comic Review

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fine music and funny comedy. Back by popular demand are Harmonies Extraordinaire (Lynn Deeves, Erika Gilbert and Val Bennett). Joining them is national comic Ed Karvoski, author of "A Funny time to be Gay".

Come one, come all to the Review of the Year being held at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, 6:00 PM.

Admission is \$10.00, sliding scale available. Tickets can be reserved by calling 1-800-556-5472, or 761-3732 in Greater Portland. Tickets also available at the door. Come laugh with us this Fall!

## Street Action sponsored by Maine NOW

Sat., Oct. 26, 12:00 noon, at the Capital in Augusta. March with the MLGPA banner, support our sisters and brothers in NOW! Call Deb Mears at MLGPA for more details - 778-6827.



## Maine House - MLGPA Endorsements (as of Sept. 10)

Candidates were chosen based on their support for passing anti-discrimination legislation and their support of a woman's right to control her reproductive choice.

In House and Senate districts where we determined that both candidates deserved our support - we made a decision to "co-endorse" in those districts.

### District Candidate

2	David Ott, R-York
3	Gary Wheeler, D-Eliot
4	David McDermott, D-So. Berwick
5	Thomas Wright, D-Berwick
7	Joe Carleton, R-Wells
8	Kathleen Perkins, D-Kennebunk
14	Lawrence Peters, Jr., D-West Buxton
15	Chris O'Neil, D-Saco
17	Robert Melville, D-Biddeford Pool
20	George Kerr, D-Old Orchard Beach
24	Nadine Byram, D-So. Portland
25	Jean Marvin, R-Cape Elizabeth
	Pamela McNally, D-Cape Elizabeth
29	William Lemke, D-Westbrook
30	J. Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Portland
31	Mike Saxl, D-Portland
33	Michael Quint, D-Portland
35	Steve Rowe, D-Portland
36	Eliza Townsend, D-Portland
37	Mike Brennan, D-Portland
38	Thomas Tyler, D-Windham
39	Carol Kontos, D-Windham
44	Jennifer Willard, D-Yarmouth
46	Herbert Adams, D-Center Lovell
47	Richard Thompson, D-Naples
48	Bob Hartnett, R-Freeport
	Tom Bull, D-Freeport
49	Ed Benedikt, D-Brunswick
50	Tom Davidson, D-Brunswick
51	David Etnier, D-So. Harpswell
52	Verdi Tripp, D-Topsham
53	David Shiah, D-Bowdoinham
54	Art Mayo, R-Bath
55	Judith Peavey, R-Woolwich
56	Wendy Pieh, D-Medomak
58	Jeannie Hamrin, D-Boothbay
59	Steven Cartwright, D-Waldoboro
62	Paul Chartrand, D-Rockland
63	Judy Powers, D-Rockport

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65	Elaine Graham, D-Bethel
74	Brian Bolduc, D-Auburn
79	Linda R. McKee, D-Wayne
80	Elaine Fuller, D-Manchester
81	June Meres, R-Norridgewock
82	Elizabeth Watson, D-Farmingdale
83	Bonnie Green, D-Monmouth
84	Nancy Chizmar, D-Lisbon Falls
85	Anna Boll, D-Brunswick
88	Patricia Lemaire, D-Lewiston
89	Albert Gamache, D-Lewiston
91	Pat Colwell, D-Gardiner
92	Scott Cowger, D-Hallowell
93	Randall Berry, D-Livermore Falls
94	Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Vassalboro
96	Tom Doore, D-Augusta
98	Pam Hatch, D-Skowhegan
100	Ken Gagnon, D-Waterville
104	Sumner Jones, R-Pittsfield
	Arthur Clement, D-Clinton
105	David Lindahl, R-Northport
106	Gail Chase, D-South China
107	Joseph Brooks, D-Winterport
108	Timothy Breen, D-St. Albans
109	Paula Roberts, D-Belfast
110	Dale McGee, D-Palermo
112	Jane Pieriboni, D-Dover Foxcroft
113	Clark Phinney, D-Bucksport
115	Charles Fisher, D-Brewer
117	Tina Baker, D-Bangor
119	Hugh Morrison, D-Bangor
	Terence Bragdon, R-Bangor
120	Jane Saxl, D-Bangor
122	Julie Winn, D-Glenburn
123	Kathleen Stevens, D-Orono
124	Donald Shepley, D-Bangor
126	Allen Ross, D-Dexter
127	Ed Povich, D-Ellsworth
128	Royce Perkins, R-Penobscot
129	Paul Volenik, D-Sedgwick
130	Kyle Jones, D-Bar Harbor

### REMINDER:

PLEASE VISIT THE MLGPA BOOTH AT THE  
COMMON GROUND FAIR, Sept. 20 -22. WE ARE  
IN THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION AREA,  
RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO OUR FRIENDS FROM  
MAINE NOW. (and right across from the anti-  
reproductive choice people!! Ugh!)