



# THE SCOOP



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" IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES "

Yes, this is the opening line of A Tale of Two Cities. But more than that it is a fairly accurate summary of the HIV epidemic situation nationally and worldwide. Support for persons with the HIV virus is increasing as people donate their time and money to help make a very difficult situation a bit easier. The harbor cruise sponsored by Limelight, the massive turnout for the AIDS Candlelight vigil, the growing amount of food in our food pantry...all are signs that support is there. The media has resumed its coverage of the ever changing scope of infected people as the heterosexual population becomes more and more impacted and medical research continues to struggle to find a way to end this nightmare.

But we also see the worst of times. This month we saw the passing of one of our founders - James Beaulieu. His inspiration and drive were key components in getting the Coalition into a space that would serve the needs of HIV persons statewide. His graphic skills gave us the logo that we use and his sense of humor provided some great parties! Fiscal cutbacks on the state level have impacted food and support payments for infected people, causing a strain on the small food pantry that we have. More people are coming to Maine for peace and quiet as they battle the virus and the case loads are increasing dramatically. The Maine Health Foundation is pressed financially as never before in their efforts to supplant the meager incomes of PWAs.

So here we are - amidst the best and worst of times. During the summer months, PWAs will be meeting with Portland area medical personnel to help chart the course of their medical treatment issues and to work collaboratively to insure the best medical treatment available. The Coalition will co-sponsor a harbor cruise on July 29th in a joint venture with The NAMES Project Maine and The AIDS Project. There will be more lunches and barbecues (2nd Wednesday of the month). But there will be more persons testing positive, more shrinking incomes and more frustration.

This summer you can impact in a positive manner by helping AIDS organizations in their fundraising efforts, by donating canned goods to the food pantry and by being as well informed as possible about the the AIDS situation in Maine and across the United States. WILL YOU ???







Cruise, celebrate, live, and remember. Join us on a two hour sunset & harbor-light cruise aboard the Longfellow II, Long Wharf, Portland on Sunday, July 29th 1990. A separate flyer is included with this newsletter explaining the details of this event.

We are looking for sponsors to help with the cost of the boat; and we are looking for sponsors to help with the cost of tickets for People With AIDS. If you can help in any way with any amount, please contact the below listed organizations and persons:

People With AIDS Coalition--773-8500

The AIDS Project-----774-6877

The NAMES Project/Maine-----774-2198

Rick Brooks-----793-8770

David Ketchum-----934-4997

Please help us to make this a cruise to remember.

The PWA Coalition newsletter may report on events that are going on within the state of Maine (and elsewhere), but that does not mean that we agree or participate in all of these events.

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The PWA Coalition space - Living Room North - is open Monday through Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday evening dinner  
6:00 P.M.

Thursday evening movies  
7:00 P.M.

Special events as noted....

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| <p>Well, fellow heartists, it's time for us to shine!</p> <p>I just came back from a NAMES Project Boston meeting.</p> <p><u>remember</u></p> <p>Sept. 21-23</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There are several things to think about</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~</p> <p>If there is a panel you would like to see included in the display please let us know by</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 1, 1990</p> <p>Phone in the persons Name, panel maker + code number. . . .</p> | <p>Our workshops for the summer are:</p> <p>July 1 + 15<br/>Aug. 5 + 19</p> <p>The Sewing Shop<br/>461 Stevens Av.<br/>2-5 p.m.</p> <p>ALL OUR LOVE <del>the</del> NAMES Project</p> |
| <p>They will be having a 125 quilt (8 panels per quilt) display at MIT's Johnson Arena</p> <p>700 volunteers needed</p>  | <p>. . . . if you know it. If you would like to have a panel on display we can accept it at our office until</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 1, 1990</p> <p>and bring it down to Boston before sending it to San Francisco.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~</p>   | <p>P.S. To keep with David's hug theme:</p> <p>When you give a hug, you always get one !! back !!</p> <p>774-2198</p>  |

June 1, 1990

Hello, my name is Biørn.

On June 14, 1990 I will be riding my bicycle from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Seattle, Washington via New York City and Toronto, Ontario, arriving in Seattle July 20, the first day of the Goodwill Games.

My purpose is to share education and a positive viewpoint of the AIDS epidemic. I nearly lost the will to live three years ago when I became exposed to the HIV virus, suffering a number of typical AIDS related symptoms.

Fortunately, I was taught early in life that nothing was impossible. One day I renewed my will to live and be fully cured. Searching deep inside for the healing sources of the mind, spirit and heart combined with the often neglected common sense of nutrition, exercise, rest, laughter and other positive tools, I have enjoyed a continuous natural healing.

During the autumn months of 1987 and 1988 I rode my bike 4000 miles from Seattle to Halifax to celebrate that healing.

I believe that thousands of people are dying from AIDS needlessly and that the spreading of AIDS is still happening in a frightening fashion.

I just want to spread hope and information that can make life livable at a quality level until the inevitable cure is discovered.

Finally, September 1st at midnight I will bicycle from the Seattle Space Needle, attempting to set a transcontinental record to the Statue of Liberty in New York City. Approximately 8 days.

I love to be alive. I will share my feelings with anyone who wants to listen.

Sincerely,

*Biørn*

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Biørn stopped in Portland on Sunday, June 17 and visited with several PWAs and friends while he was here. Then he headed out for the next stop on his trip, Portsmouth, N.H. He will be back in Maine in October for some well deserved rest and the PWA Coalition will have an Open House for people to meet with him. He certainly is an inspiration.

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