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LESBIANS TO HOLD BRUNCH!!!!

In a daring departure from tradition (and certainly stereotype), the women of the GLCN political/education task force have announced a "Lesbian Brunch" (meaning lesbians will gather for brunch, not that there will be lesbians for brunch . . . !) to be held Sunday, Deecember 10.

All interested women are asked to bring a dish to pass to this potluck (of course) affair which will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The location is the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, downtown Bangor (above Mr. Paperback). Women with questions may call Marguerite Roosen at 827-3107.

If this first event is successful, look for more gatherings in the future!

[The announcement of this event at the last GLCN umbrella meeting seemed to surprise the gay men -- who apparently had begun to believe the myth that only they can really do brunch. (How many gay men does it take to do a brunch? At least five: one to prepare the food, one to do the flowers and decorate the table and at least three to stand around and 'dish.')]]

WILDE-STEIN SPONSORS "ROCK AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

The Wilde-Stein Club at the University of Maine at Orono is sponsoring a dance, "Rock Around the Christmas Tree," on Friday, December 8 from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight.

The music will be provided by a d.j. and there will be soda available for sale, as well as other refreshments.

The requested donation is an incredibly reasonable \$1/person.

The only catch for those not familiar with campus is the dance location, "Campus Corner," (formerly the Ram's Horn) which according to a knowledgeable source "is the one-story cement block building at the end of the road which runs pass the campus greenhouses." In case that isn't sufficiently clear, please consult the campus map located next to the university police station at the College Avenue entrance to campus. Or, you could ask at the police station. Or you can call 866-2118 where any one of several sweet guys can give you directions (or attempt to, at least).

See you there.

TOYS FOR TOTS, DANCING — JOIN WENDY AND HER GANG!

Wendy's Monthly Dance will feature a special twist (!) this month -- bring a new toy (value \$5 or more), and she will knock off \$1.50 from the admission price, as well as donate the toy to the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots Program in the name of GLCN.

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH "THE HOLIDAYS?"

Following a successful first support group meeting last month on 'coming out,' the Support Group Task Force has scheduled a December 6 discussion of "The Holidays."

The gathering begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street. There will be a moderator to guide the discussion when needed. Of course, anyone with a concern -- whether holiday-related or not -- is welcome to bring it to the group.

The task force is still hoping to form a parents' support group, and is also pursuing the establishment of a group for young lesbians and gay men, up to age 22, modelled after Portland's very successful OUTRIGHT group. Persons interested in either of these areas are asked to call Robin at 862-5907.

MEMORIAL DAY -- ANOTHER SPECIAL GAY HOLIDAY

Ever wondered what it would be like to spend an entire weekend with 'family' -- maybe even a long weekend? Well, you can -- if you attend Symposium (is it already Symposium XVII?).

Symposium is an annual Memorial Day weekend conference of lesbians and gay men from across Maine and Eastern Canada who gather to listen to speakers, conduct workshops, kibbitz, dance and party, share meals, and just generally get more in touch with our shared 'gayness.'

Symposium moves each year between Presque Isle, Portland and Bangor/Orono. And, guess what, 1990's event is set for Bangor/Orono! So, on May 25 - 28, lesbians and gay men in Eastern and Down East Maine will enjoy a special opportunity to experience the wonders of Symposium close to home. Mark your calendars now.

But, wait . . . there's more. If you really want to enjoy this wonderful opportunity in community-building even before next May, you can -- just by calling Victor at 581-3014 (after 7 p.m.) and volunteering your time and talent. (This is Victor's work number, so just ask for him when the sonorous voice -- Victor's -- answers the phone.) The organizing committee needs more members and more clever ideas for workshops, etc., and they also need willing workers to take on specific tasks. Victor, who is graciously leading this effort, can tell you more. Call him.

And talking to him may just make your radio listening more fun!

Thought for the Month:
(from Marguerite Roosen)

"EVER WONDER WHY THEY CALL THEM REAR ADMIRALS?"

And, oh yes, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Solstice, Merry Christmas --
and Gay New Year!

ROOMMATE WANTED: Fussy gay man seeks mature individual (preferably gay) to share apartment; write Jim c/o GLCN, P.O. Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401.

GLCN BUSINESS NOTES:

- The Gay/Lesbian Community Network is now a member of the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, thanks to action at the most recent umbrella meeting. GLCN has been using the P&JC space for meetings since summer, and we are grateful. High time we joined the center as an organizational member. How about you? You can join as an individual. Just call the center at 942-9343.
- GLCN Secretary Jim will write and call Our Paper to please start listing GLCN and stop listing BAGLSC. Pllllleeeeeeeze, Our Paper.
- Two Bangor used bookshops -- Pro Libris on Third Street, and Lippincott Books on Hammond Street -- will now be carrying Our Paper. Many thanks to these good friends of our community. Now, go in and get your copy!
- Plans are underway for a Mardi Gras Dance/Party on Saturday, February 24 -- tentatively set for the Universalist Church. Costumes, and all sorts of good stuff (maybe even a live band). Start sewing those sequins now!
- Plans are developing for a Lesbian/Gay History Study Group to begin in February. Please contact Robin Gorsline at 866-7958 if you are interested.
- WANTED: TALENT !?!? For "Spring Fever Coffee House." If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell funny stories or jokes, or if you just have something to share, WE WANT YOU! We are hoping to begin regular 'coffee houses' in the Spring, and we need planned and/or drop-in entertainment. We especially need people to play guitar for sing-alongs. Please contact Sarah at 945-5932, Peter at 234-2593 or Wendy at 989-1680.

CALENDAR

- Wed., Dec. 6: Support Group, "The Holidays", 9 Central St., Bangor
- Fri., Dec. 8: "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" Dance, 8 - 12 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 10: "Lesbian Brunch", 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 9 Central St.
- Wed., Dec. 13: Political/Education Task Force, 7:30 p.m., 9 Central St.
- Sat., Dec. 16: "Toys for Tots" and Christmas Dance, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Orono Community Center, Bennoch Road (just off Main Street, behind the Post Office).
- Wed., Dec. 27: GLCN Umbrella Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 9 Central St.



COME DANCE, HAVE FUN, AND HELP
CHILDREN HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

DONATE AN UNWRAPED GIFT OF \$5.00_{MIN.} AT
THE DOOR AND GET \$1.50 OFF TICKET PRICE.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 989-1680,
ASK FOR GLORIA OR WENDY.

DATE: DEC.16,1989

TIME: 9_{PM.} - 1_{AM.}

PLACE: ORONO COMMUNITY CENTER

PRICE: \$4.00 PER PERSON OR \$2.50 PER PERSON WITH TOY