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NETWORK SETS REGULAR MEETING DATES

Following discussion about the need to regularize a schedule for meetings, GLCN has decided to meet the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

On the second Wednesday of the month -- for instance January 10, February 14 (!), and March 14 -- the GLCN Support Group will meet.

The following week, on the third Wednesday of the month -- January 17, February 21 and March 21 -- is set aside for meetings of the Political/Education Task Force.

And finally, on the fourth Wednesday -- January 24, February 28 and March 28 -- there will be general meetings for all GLCN members and friends.

Regular GLCN meetings are held at the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor (third floor above downtown Mr. Paperback).

**Back by Popular Demand!!!!
"TAKE A LESBIAN TO BRUNCH"**

Due to the overwhelming success of the first Lesbian Brunch in December, another potluck lesbian brunch will be held on January 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor.

Now to be monthly events, these gatherings will be held on the second Sunday of each month -- January 14, February 11 and March 11, for example.

Bring a dish or drink to share, and enjoy the lovely company of lovely lesbians.

For more information, call Lovely Lesbian Marguerite at 827-3107.

WE WANT YOU . . . (and your money)

GLCN does not have membership dues BUT we do have expenses\$ (such as postage and printing). Just because we're a non-profit group doesn't mean we can operate without funds.

We also want to hear ideas and concerns from members of our community.

Soooooooooooo, why not grab an envelope and drop us a line and enclose a contribution. GLCN, P.O. Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401.

Or, better yet, join us at the next GLCN meeting, speak up with your thoughts, volunteer to help with a project and drop a donation into the passing hat. And prepare to share a few laughs.

SPACE NEWS

Although we are grateful to the Peace & Justice Center for use of its space at 9 Central Street for our meetings, GLCN wants to hold at least some of its meetings in handicap accessible space.

If you know of inexpensive or free space which is accessible and which might be available for our meetings please contact Patti at 825-3910.

HOLLY NEAR COMING NEARER

Popular lesbian feminist singer Holly Near will grace the stage at the Maine Center for the Arts in Orono for a concert on Saturday, February 17. But that's not all, folks . . . the word is that she'll be part of a workshop and organizational fair during the day, as well.

Volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you want to help, contact Amy at 581-6077 (evenings). See the enclosed flyer for ticket info.

LESBIAN LITERATURE MAKES FORMAL DEBUT AT THE UNIVERSITY

Perusal of the most recent catalog from the Conferences and Institutes people at the University of Maine brought the delightful news of a Lesbian Literature course beginning February 22 and running for eight succeeding Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The instructor is Amy Manville-Graham.

The fee is \$25 (which does not include books). The class will meet in 143 Bangor Hall on the Bangor campus. And, as if that is not enough, you may even obtain continuing education units for taking the course!

According to the course catalog: "This is a course designed to explore 'classic' lesbian literature, 1935-1973. The class will read novels with lesbian protagonists, examine the ways in which these characters are portrayed in context of the period, and note the ways in which certain lesbian themes have evolved. Among the works to be discussed are The Price of Salt by Claire Morgan (1952), Desert of the Heart by Jane Rule (1964), and Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown (1973). In addition, excerpts from several 1930s novles no longer in print will be provided. As a point of reference, it is recommended, but not mandated, that those taking the course read Radclyffe Hall's The Well of Loneliness (1928)."

Oh, it is grand to see 'us' and 'our authors' recognized. Thank you, Amy.

Call 581-3142 or 581-6192 for registration information. And tell them where you heard the news.

WENDY ANNOUNCES WINTER/SPRING DANCE CARD

Wendy B's monthly dances are taking January off, but will be back and full of fun on February 3, March 17 (wear green?) and April 7. Still at the community center in Orono, still 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., and still \$4. See you there!

MARDI GRAS: TIME FOR US TO PARTY

GLCN's first dance is going to be a blast -- Mardi Gras-style right here in Bangor! Date: Saturday, February 24. Time: 8 - 12 p.m. Place: 1st Universalist Church, 120 Park Street (behind City Hall).

This is a costume affair -- wear your most outrageous whatevers, sequins, chiffons, leather, feathers, mascara, glitter, tights, togas, bikinis, etc. etc. etc.!! Come as an historical character, your favorite celebrity, an animal (Lassie would combine all three) -- whatever seems most fun and outrageous! This is the time to blow out all the stops.

Speaking of blowing out the stops, our music will be provided by a live band -- yes, dear, a real band. Also refreshments, decorations, a costume contest, other novelties. More next month. For now, mark you calendars, start sewing the costume.

Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Call Robin at 866-7958 if you want to help, and also to arrange for tickets.

WE MAKE OUR OWN HIS/HERSTORY

Our lives are disguised in most history books and on t.v. if we are visible we are usually sensationalized (even though we can't be seen kissing). Sometimes its hard to remember that lesbians and gay men participate in creating cultures of our own and share experiences which are part of a larger his/herstory.

So, some folks want to reclaim our own story/ies by getting together for study/sharing sessions. Robin Gorsline and Patti Woolley are collecting resources and will assist in facilitating the sessions.

Beginning February 6, and every Tuesday thereafter in February and March (and maybe into April), a group will gather at Robin's home in Orono from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. to explore aspects of our collective his/herstory through our own personal participation in it.

If you are interested, please call Robin at 866-7958 for directions, and to share your particular interests (which will help them gather appropriate resources). No charge, except perhaps for copying materials.

And this isn't just for the over thirty set!

"CELEBRATING THE DREAM"

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be a wide variety of events during a week-long celebration at the University in Orono. Of special interest to lesbians and gay men is the video presentation of "Still Not Free: Just Because of Who We Are," which focuses on neglected issues of violence against lesbians. Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union. See the enclosed flyer for other information.

"BEFORE STONEWALL" JOINS LOCAL FILM SERIES

GLCN is joining the Peace & Justice Center's Spring Film Series, showing "Before Stonewall: The Making of a Lesbian and Gay Community." The film will be shown on Friday, March 16. One or more persons to facilitate discussion afterwards are needed; call Marguerite at 827-3107.

THE COMMUNITY'S CALENDAR

Wed., Jan. 10: GLCN Support Group, "Cabin Fever/Winter Blues," 7:30 p.m.
Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central St., Bangor.

Sun., Jan. 14: "Lesbian Brunch," Potluck, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Peace &
Justice Center, 9 Central St., Bangor.

Sun., Jan. 14: Dignity, a group for lesbian/gay Roman Catholics meets the
2nd and 4th Sundays (also Jan. 28), 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Bangor
Theological Seminary, 300 Union Street.

Sun., Jan. 14 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration events at 1st Universalist
Church, Bangor (see flyer enclosed)

Mon., Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration events at UMaine (and
throughout the week -- see flyer enclosed)

Tue., Jan. 16: "Still Not Free: Just Because of Who We Are," 7:30 p.m.,
Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UMaine. Video on violence against
lesbians.

Wed., Jan. 17: GLCN Political/Education Task Force, 7:30 p.m., Peace &
Justice Center, 9 Central St., Bangor.

Thu., Jan. 18 Wilde-Stein meets every Thursday evening beginning this date
at 6:30 p.m. in Sutton Lounge, UMaine Memorial Union. Open to
all. Also January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22.

Wed., Jan. 24 Gay/Lesbian Community Network General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central St., Bangor.

PLANNING AHEAD

Sat., Feb. 3 Dance at Orono Community Center, Bennoch Road (behind Post
Office), 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Tue., Feb. 6 First session of Lesbian/Gay His/Herstory Study Group (see
related story).

Wed., Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Tue., Feb. 22 First session of University course on Lesbian Literature (see
related story)

Sat., Feb. 24 GLCN Mardi Gras Dance (see related story)

Tell a friend about GLCN; send us their name and address so they too can
receive THE NETWORKER! Write to:

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