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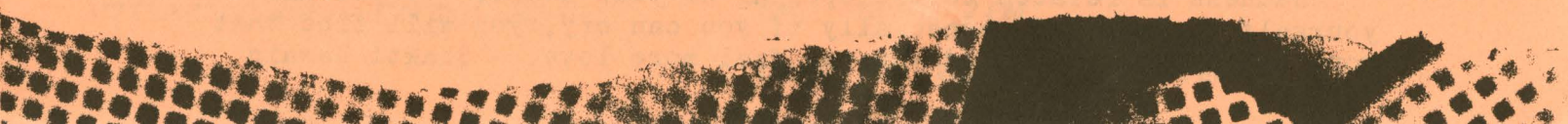
THE NEW AIDS QUILT

"The weekend of October 6 - 8th will witness the most elaborate display of the NAMES Project Quilt to date, with the cities of Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. all participating in simultaneous showings of the Quilt. This year each of the five sites will display 1,920 panels, the same number that were displayed in Washington in October 1987." So reads the summer 1990 NAMES Project newsletter lead story. But there is another AIDS Quilt - a nationwide blending of men and women of all races, walks of life and sexual preference that is growing as you read this article.

The National Minority AIDS Council in Washington, D.C. sponsored three workshops during the past few months to bring together persons from across the country to learn, share and draw support from one another as they face the growing crisis caused by the AIDS epidemic. The PWA Coalition of Maine was fortunate to be able to attend the workshop held in Washington, D.C. in mid-September and it was over the course of those three days spent in the nation's capitol that the new AIDS Quilt began to emerge. African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and whites studied together, shared personal triumphs and challenges, and grew together into one supportive, living and caring unit. Each person, a unique piece of the nationwide effort to educate, prevent and support those persons living with AIDS, had a story to tell. A living panel, if you will, in the new AIDS Quilt. The common thread binding each "panel" together was a driving commitment to their community and to the belief that things can change.

Mark from rural Mississippi, Linda from the heart of Chicago, Carlos from Denver, David from Rochester, Gina from Washington, D.C. - the list goes on and on. Arnold working with churches, Frank working with an outreach clinic, George battling the forces of the bureaucracy and Clarence on the front lines with IV drug persons...each a living vibrant panel of hope, energy and love.

The three days passed too quickly. The conference participants left to return to their own states and we too returned to our office on Cumberland Avenue. But we returned with much more than the Macintosh computer that we had been given as part of this program. We were the only all volunteer group that had participated, with the second lowest budget. We were the people with the backpacks, not the briefcases - the folks from Maine. This is our panel... four people who took the love and support from Maine PWAs and caregivers and joined it with other "people panels" to become part of the new AIDS Quilt. Our laughter and our tears, our hugs and mutual support will ensure that we continue to grow in the face of this terrible epidemic. We are the Living Quilt!



New Support Group Forms in Gardiner

A support group for persons with HIV disease will begin on October 10, 1990. The meetings will be held at the offices of Dr. Karen Kalustian of the Gardiner Family Physicians, 152 Dresden Avenue, Gardiner from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. every other Wednesday. For more information about these meetings call either Steve Fleming or Cecilia Leland at 289 - 3747.

Wish List for Coalition Space

Towels, sheets, washcloths
Paper products
Furniture, small kitchen items
Canned goods: fruits, tunafish
soups, macaroni
cereal, coffee,
toothpaste, shampoo
baby food, razors
popcorn, canned hash
Dish towels, dish detergent
Peanut butter, jelly
Carnation Instant breakfast
Ramen noodles, rice

Coalition Begins Recycling Efforts

In an effort to cooperate with statewide recycling efforts, the Space will begin to separate newspapers, glass and plastic items for delivery to designated pickup sites throughout the city of Portland.

Comedy Can Can Continues

Limelight continues its traditional Comedy Can Can Night this coming month with all proceeds going to the PWA Coalition. Call 773 - 3315 for more details on date and time.

Halloween Party

SAVE THIS DATE ! October 31st. Pot Luck dinner. Costumes encouraged, but optional. Come and bring lots of friends !!!

LIVING WITH AIDS IN MAINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 16, 1990 South Portland Sheraton Tara
More details to follow. Scholarships available for PWAs. Call 773-8500 for specifics.

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.

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....

377 Cumberland Avenue
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A NOTE OF THANKS ...

Rick Winski
David Charity
Martin and Mary Anne
Susan Cummings-Lawrence
Sonny Beaulieu
NAPWA and NMAC

Sadness is related to the opening of your heart. If you allow yourself to feel sad, especially if you can cry, you will find that your heart opens more and you can feel more love. - Shakti Gawain

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PWA COALITION CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2 8:00 PM A.A.A. (Alcohol Anonymous and AIDS)	3 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM Executive Board of Directors Meeting	4 MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM LA CAGE AUX FOLLES	5	6 LIVING ROOM OPEN 10-4	7 WALK -A- THON 1:00
8	9 7:30 PM GREY FLANNEL LEAGUE 8:00 PM A.A.A. (Alcohol Anonymous and AIDS)	10 6:00 PM POT LUCK DINNER	11 MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK	12	13 LIVING ROOM OPEN 10-4	14 6:30 PM "BRIDGES" Choir Rehearsal
				"Care for the Caregiver" Weekend Retreat		
15	16 8:00 PM A.A.A. (Alcohol Anonymous and AIDS)	17 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting	18 MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM TOOTSIE	19	20 LIVING ROOM OPEN 10-4	21QUILT WORKSHOP PORTLAND NAMES PROJECT
22	23 7:30 PM GREY FLANNEL LEAGUE 8:00 PM A.A.A. (Alcohol Anonymous and AIDS)	24 6:00 PM DINNER	25 MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM *SURPRISE MOVIE?*	26	27 LIVING ROOM OPEN 10-4 MAINE AIDS ALLIANCE MEETING, FORT KENT	28
29	30 8:00 PM A.A.A. (Alcohol Anonymous and AIDS)	31 6:00 PM HALLOWEEN DINER	<p>Note: "Living With AIDS in Maine" Conference Nov. 16, 1990</p> <p>The PWA Coalition of Maine Living Room North 377 Cumberland Ave. Portland, ME 04101 Phone: 773-8500</p> <p>Open Hours Mon-Fri 10 AM - 4 PM Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>Dinners Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM</p>			

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