

ACLA Update April 1997

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Maine AIDS Walk '97

Plans are well underway for the May 4th Maine AIDS Walk in Lewiston-Auburn. Volunteers are calling area businesses to sell ads for the program booklet, and we've sent a mailing to folks we know in area schools and churches, asking them to form teams of walkers to join us.

This year, the usual ten or so statewide walks will be divided between spring and fall. At this point, plans are as follows:



May 4th Walks

Lewiston-Auburn:
AIDS Coalition of
Lewiston-Auburn

Brunswick:
Merrymeeting AIDS
Support Services

Augusta:
Dayspring AIDS
Support Services

Fall 97 Walks

Oxford Hills
Mexico
Ellsworth
Bangor
Belfast

Others may be
planned as
time goes on...



Here in Lewiston-Auburn, we're planning on a rousing musical send off for our walkers, and we're rounding up prizes for teams and individuals who bring in the most contribution. So far, we've got...



Lady's 14 carat gold and silver
ring from Thomas Sangillo's
Jewelers

Basket of hair care products from
Strand's

A pizza party from Little Ceasars
Lunch for six from Sam's Italian

Thanks to the **Lewiston-Auburn
Cosmetology Association**, who raised
\$400 for ACLA by selling pins.

Gay Men's Retreat '97

The AIDS Coalition of Lewiston-Auburn is sponsoring the First Annual Gay Men's Retreat Weekend from Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1. The interactive workshops and activities address issues of **whole**



health (mental, physical and spiritual) with an **emphasis on having fun**. Although there is no theme for the retreat per se, the focus is on **celebrating the diversity of men** and their experiences.

Why offer a retreat for gay and bisexual men? GMR recognizes that men/boys are socialized differently than women/girls and that the experiences of men who identify themselves as "gay" or "bisexual" often differ from those who identify themselves as "straight." Because of the rural nature of Maine, many men often feel isolated. By offering **a comfortable space and a safe atmosphere** for men to share their experiences, the planning committee of GMR hopes that the retreat will create new social networks and empower men.

GMR is open to gay and bisexual men over the age of 18. Until March 21, registrations will be accepted from men living in the Tri County area (Oxford, Androscoggin and Franklin counties). After March 21, registration is open to all men. Directions to the lodge will be mailed with the confirmation letter. The cost of the retreat is \$30, which covers meals, activities and lodging. Because there are only 30 spaces available, folks are encouraged to register early.

For more information, a registration brochure, or to volunteer, call ACLA at 786-4697 or write GMR/P.O. Box 7977/Lewiston, ME 04243.

My address has changed to:

Please take my name off ACLA's mailing list:

Please add this name to ACLA's mailing list:

☐ Enclosed please find my gift of
\$_____ to further the work of
the AIDS Coalition.

☐ Please send me a volunteer
application:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Coming Soon

Saturday, April 5

Queens with a Cause II, fundraiser by Positively Alive!, Olin Arts Center, Bates College. More info, call 786-8733. \$12.



Thursday, April 17

MSM Advisory Committee meeting 6:30-8:00 at the ACLA office.

Thursday, April 24

Great Sexpectations: *Jeffrey*, a humorous look at a gay man's struggle with living, loving and dating in the Age of AIDS. Plus another episode of *AbFab*. Films begin at 7pm at the ACLA office.

Support Group at The AIDS Project Auburn Office for people whose partners have died of AIDS

Thursdays 1-2:30

One Auburn Center

More Info: Call Diana Carrigan

The May ACLA Update

will be mailed out on April 17 and 18th.. If you would like to help us fold, sticker, label and sort, we can promise coffee and interesting conversation. Give Gracia a call.

The Freezer at the AIDS Coalition now has single-serving frozen meals available for folks with HIV/AIDS. Come by any Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm, or call to set another time.



Tune up your bikes, polish your leather!

United Bikers of Maine's First Annual



Run for Life! to benefit ACLA and Positively Alive! is Saturday, August 9. Call ACLA for more information.

Save the Date
Maine AIDS Walk
Sunday, May 4,
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