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# THE (F)AMILY (A)FFAIRS (N)EWSLETTER

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER  
AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY

FOLLOW YOUR HEART - DO YOUR PART - CHERISH OUR FAMILY

1 APRIL 2010

## NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

**News #1:** Please note that I am changing the e-mail address for the FAN after this issue to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) due to the draconian e-mail sending policies of my home ISP that caused some of you to receive your business directories one day late last month. This is not an April Fools Day joke. I tried to resolve the e-mail issue without having to take the drastic step of changing the account, but the soulless minions of the ISP working at their out-of-state call center could not make any exceptions to their e-mail policy for me. I am now, according to them, on their spammer watch list. I will still get any e-mails addressed to the old account ([thefan@maine.rr.com](mailto:thefan@maine.rr.com)); however, please address any future correspondence related to the FAN to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) and please make sure that [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) is white-listed in your e-mail program or on your mail server. That is where everything will be coming from in the future after this issue.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*This category is for non-social notices about GLBTQI community members that you think other GLBTQI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, new jobs, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.*

### Announcement #1 (Portland) (Job Listing):

EqualityMaine, the statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) advocacy organization, seeks a full-time Development Director. The Development Director is responsible for building, growing and leading a comprehensive development program that emphasizes cultivation and stewardship of individual and corporate donors. The Development Director provides strategic direction, management and coordination of all fundraising efforts and works in collaboration with the Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Board of Directors to achieve the fundraising goals of the organization. **Qualifications:** The ideal candidate will have: 1) minimum two years experience in fundraising, 2) demonstrated success in meeting fundraising goals, 3) demonstrated success in fundraising event planning, 4) measurable results in soliciting and securing major gifts from individuals and corporations, 5) respect for and measurable success in mid- and low-range fundraising, 6) demonstrated success with online fundraising, 7) experience with political campaign fundraising (legislative, issue, or candidate), 8) excellent communication, interpersonal, and relationship-building skills, 9) proven ability to work effectively with board members, donors, volunteers and staff, 10) computer proficiency with Microsoft Office and fundraising software (NGP and Salsa) and 11) commitment to LGBT issues. **Responsibilities:** The Development Director will: Manage individual donor campaigns, including membership renewals and special appeals; Coordinate annual signature fundraising event and develop new donor events; Identify, cultivate, solicit, secure and steward new and existing individual and corporate donors; Develop and execute strategies around mid- and low-range fundraising; Ensure timely submission of grant proposals and reports to foundation and corporate funders; Provide support and training for the fundraising efforts of the Executive Director,

Deputy Director, Board of Directors, and volunteers; Work with the Communications Coordinator to execute technology-based fundraising strategies; Effectively fundraise as part of political campaigns (legislative and referenda); Develop, market, and implement a planned giving program; Oversee implementation and maintenance of all development office systems and procedures.

Send cover letter and resume to:

Betsy Smith

Executive Director

EqualityMaine

bsmith@equalitymaine.org

(please use Development Director in your subject line)

### **Announcement #2:**

**Call for submissions:** Have you experienced violence and identify on the queer/trans spectrum? Do you have a piece of writing or artwork about it? Please share it! Transrelating, a 'zine "on sex, gender, relationships and the rest of us" is accepting submissions for its next issue. Violence: behavior intending to hurt. Many in the trans/queer communities share the far too common experience of violence directed toward their gender identity and/or sexual orientation- bullied at school by classmates, hurt at home by family, hurt by lovers/partners, hurt by strangers, hurt by a homophobic/transphobic/body-negative/sex-negative culture, hurt by ourselves. This issue of Transrelating seeks to share some of the common experiences as well as how we can redirect this trend and change a community/culture. All pieces of writing and artwork are welcome (academic essays, rants, poems, stories, pictures, paintings, drawings, etc). Email submissions to: [Transrelating@gmail.com](mailto:Transrelating@gmail.com) Submissions should be sent by June 1st, 2010.

### **Announcement #3 (Southern Maine):**

From: Melania Turgelsky, Director of Special Projects, Community Counseling Center

Sarah Holmes, Interim Drop-in Coordinator for PRYSM

RE: Changes in the PRYSM Program

In an effort to keep the community updated about changes with the Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine (PRYSM), a community program of Community Counseling Center in Portland, please help us circulate this information.

Weekly drop-ins for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and allied youth (age 22 and under) continue to be held on Tuesday evenings at 343 Forest Avenue. The time of these drop-ins has changed, and they now run from 5:00-7:30pm. These changes are due to the need for drop in to take place during regular Community Counseling Center operating hours. For this reason, Friday evening drop-ins are no longer being offered. However, other organizations in the community are working to offer new, bi-weekly social opportunities on Fridays for youth.

In January, Joanna Testa left the agency to pursue new opportunities. Under her leadership and mentoring, the PRYSM program has thrived, providing safe space for youth, ongoing positive connections and links to community resources. Community Counseling Center is actively seeking funding for PRYSM and other LGBT-related programs. Plans to hire a new program coordinator will be further defined later this spring. In the interim, Sarah Holmes has been hired by CCC to oversee the PRYSM drop-in program. Sarah has been an advisor for three years and also serves as the Coordinator of the Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity at the University of Southern Maine.

Shana Kelley-Cohen is the agency contact person for PRYSM. She can be reached by phone at: (207) 874-1030 or email: [kelles8@commcc.org](mailto:kelles8@commcc.org).

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year for LGBTQQA youth is the annual PRYSM Prom. In 2009, over 350 youth attended Prom, and planning is underway. This event will be held on Friday, May 28th in Portland.

## PRYSM MISSION STATEMENT

The Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine (PRYSM) is a community program of Community Counseling Center and provides safe and supportive community for youth age 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and their allies (LGBTQQA). PRYSM also provides phone and email support, community education, leadership development, safe-sex/HIV prevention education, connections to community resources, and events like the annual PROM.

### OP/EDs:

*This is your chance to spout off (or offer your insightful thoughts and opinions) about ANYTHING related to the GLBTQI community. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit. Please keep your thoughts as succinct (and civilized) as possible. Subscribers should be willing to allow at least their first name and an email address to be listed with the posting.*

**No one had any opinions this issue that they wanted to have published.**

### EVENTS (CHANGING):

#### APRIL

**APR 1** (Thursday). **Portland. Peer Support Meeting, MaineTransNet.** MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**APR 2** (Friday) **Portland. Portland Dyke March Event: Boy Meets Girl Happy Hour at Blackstones** 6 Pine Street, Portland, 21+, 4:00-7:00pm, No Cover, Door Prizes, Fun and Food.

**APR 2** (Friday) **Portland. Theater: Johnny Blazes' wo(n)man show,** 8:00 pm, St. Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress St, Portland, ME. Johnny Blazes' wo(n)man show is an evening-length performance that blends cabaret arts with theater to create a charming semi-narrative series of vignettes. These vignettes are character-driven comedic moments that explore notions of gender and embodiment. Unseen forces seem to possess Blazes in this journey through a world that is constantly pressuring us to choose a gender, a persona, a stance. Utilizing a rich background in theater, clowning, drag, dance, opera and circus arts, Blazes fuses genres and expands notions of gender performativity, all while keeping the audience laughing. Tickets \$12 at the door or at [http://www.stlawrencearts.org/event\\_details.php?eventID=608814982](http://www.stlawrencearts.org/event_details.php?eventID=608814982) Recommended for audience members 16 and older.

**APR 5** (Monday), **Bangor Area. Bridge Alliance Meeting.** 6:00 P.M. Interested in joining and becoming a member of the Bridge Alliance? This is the time to come and check us out and meet the members we have now. We hold meetings at different locations in Bangor and Hampden. The meetings generally last 2-3 hours. Please contact us about our next meeting a few days in advanced to get directions. Thank you, the Bridge Alliance. Location : To be announced. Contact : [kriscolfordsr@yahoo.com](mailto:kriscolfordsr@yahoo.com)

**APR 6** (Tuesday). **Northport. The Fifth Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium: Sexuality and Aging: Dispelling the Myths.** Held at Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center. Special attention will be directed at the anticipated impact of having a generation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) baby boomers using a wide range of health and social services including both community and institution-based forms of care in the coming years. Because sexual orientation and gender identity are now included in the Maine Human Rights law, all public institutions need to be proactive in planning for the issues that may arise with regard to staff, clients, and residents. Please see the following link for more information and for a link for a PDF brochure with more info: <http://www.umaine.edu/mainecenteronaging/>

**APR 7** (Wednesday) **Portland. Lecture: Aging in the next Decade: Issues of Ageism and LGBT Elders.** University of New England. Noon. Westbrook College of Health Professions Lecture Hall, University of New England Portland Campus. Peg Cruikshank, women's studies lecturer and author, will discuss current issues in aging and ageism, with particular focus on issues faced by LGBT elders.

Cruikshank is the author of *The Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement*, (1992) and an interdisciplinary book *Learning to be Old: Gender Culture and Aging* (2nd edition 2009). She has been teaching LGBT courses at various schools on the East and West Coasts since 1982. Part of UNE's Diversity Lecture Series. For more information, please contact Donna Gaspar at [dgaspar@une.edu](mailto:dgaspar@une.edu) or at (207) 602-2461.

**APR 7-8** (Wednesday/Thursday). **Biddeford. Play: The Laramie Project.** University of New England. 8:00 P.M. This student theatrical performance sponsored by UNE's Gay/Straight Alliance. The Laramie Project is a play by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project about the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. The murder is widely considered to be a hate crime motivated by homophobia. The play, based more than 200 interviews conducted with people of the town, chronicles the life of the town of Laramie in the year after the murder. The Laramie Project is one of the most performed plays in the U.S. today. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Donna Gaspar at [dgaspar@une.edu](mailto:dgaspar@une.edu) or at (207) 602-2461.

**APR 8** (Thursday). Ellsworth. **Game Night (Men only). Downeast Diversity Center**, 47 Foster Avenue. Come join the guys for an evening of fun and games! We'll have everything from board games to decks of cards. Coffee and beverages will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share.

**APR 9-11** (Friday through Sunday) **Machias. Third Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend**, at the The University of Maine at Machias. The 100% Society would like to invite the community to the The Rainbow Ball which is, as always, an open and affirming chem-free Prom evening that includes dancing, DJ, entertainers, pictures, food and friends. This year's Rainbow Ball on Saturday April 10th from 7-11pm will have a Back to the 50's theme! We also have an entire weekend of free events planned for youth. All associated High School, College, Youth groups, and community members (including groups that are allies) are invited to a casual, fun, safe, supervised, friendly and community celebration including a campus admissions preview during the day on Saturday. Our campus is located an hour north of Bar Harbor, ME. We can provide contact information for past chaperones if there are questions and concerns. Rainbow Ball prom tickets for college students and community members cost \$15/person and \$20/couple (all ticket sales go to support next year's ball)! Admission for high school students, youth groups and their chaperones is FREE. This includes room fees (Friday/Saturday), prom tickets and all meals. If your group needs housing accommodations, please RSVP any interest in this event by Monday March 8, 2010 as we have limited free housing for high school/youth groups. We will also provide assistance with transportation to the Rainbow Ball itself (gas money or ride coordination). To RSVP or to find out more information, please contact Betty Kelley, UMM Assistant to our President, with "Rainbow Ball" in the subject line to: [mailto:bkelly@maine.edu](mailto:mailto:bkelly@maine.edu) or call between 1:00 and 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday at 255-1211. Visit our 100% Society page on Facebook. For more information, please see our campus webpage about this and other weekend events: <http://www.umm.maine.edu/100percent.html>

**APR 10** (Saturday). **Machias. Discussion: "LGBTQ Youth Issues and Opportunities"** discussion @ UMaine Machias. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**APR 11** (Sunday) **Brunswick.** Social Gathering: Brunswick trans & allies social gathering. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**APR 15** (Thursday). Ellsworth. **Discussion Night: Spirituality (Men only). Downeast Diversity Center**, 47 Foster Avenue. What role does spirituality play in the lives of men who partner with men? Come share your thoughts and join in on the discussion about who we are and why we are here as gay and bisexual men. The discussion will be led by Ron King. Coffee and beverages will be provided.

**APR 16** (Friday) **Bangor. The Spirituality of Gay Men and Women.** 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Join the Hammond Street Congregational Church for an evening exploring the spirituality of being a gay woman or man living as whole, authentic creations of a loving God. Our Presenters will be The Rev. Dr. Susan Stonestreet and The Rev. Mark Allen Doty, both fine speakers and teachers coming from long term experience in the arena of gender and spirituality. Friday April 16, 2010, at Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High Street, Bangor 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. Enter through the back of the Church. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses. No one will be turned away. Please call to register, Bill at 974-9485, or the church at 942-4381

**APR 16** (Friday) **Portland. Dyke March Dance Party** 10:00 P.M. at North Star Music Café, 225 Congress Street, Portland, All Ages (21+ with id for beer or wine), \$3 cover.

**APR 17** (Saturday) **Old Town.** 6pm. 58 Carroll St. RSVP [wiserubel@yahoo.com](mailto:wiserubel@yahoo.com). This will be an all trans and partner event. Mhahahagaritas...and chocolate strawberries will round up/out the festivities! Bring a used bra and get a discount.

**APR 18** (Sunday) **Gorham. Drag Pageant: Annual Mr/Ms USM Pageant**, evening, Gorham Campus. Part of Spring Fling, this event gives USM students an opportunity to compete for cash prizes in this annual drag and talent pageant. For more information, please see <http://student-groups.usm.maine.edu/geb/>.

**APR 22 – 25** (Thursday through Sunday). **Lincolntonville. The Make Beautiful Tribe Spring Retreat.** The Make Beautiful Tribe welcomes all gay, bi, and transgendered men to its Spring Retreat at the Tanglewood 4-H Camp in Lincolntonville from April 22-25. Get away from the rat-race and relax in the company of friendly Gay men for a weekend of sharing, spirituality, raucous fun, workshops, dancing, and absolutely incredible food, with our own Behr Garrecht serving as the Kitchen Queen and a visit from our own Queen Ivola! For more information and to register, visit the MBT website at: <http://www.makebeautifultribe.org> and click on 2010 Spring Retreat.

**APR 22** (Thursday). **Portland. Meeting.** 1st Parents of Trans Children meeting, moderated by Sandy Lovell, E-mail [sandy51@maine.rr.com](mailto:sandy51@maine.rr.com) for more info. (this group is limited to parents of transgender children of all ages).

**APR 23** (Friday), **Hermon. Bridge Alliance Dance Party.** 8pm-12am. Rainbow DJ Service & Morgan Hill Event Center. 21+. Modest \$5 cover at the door (to benefit The Bridge Alliance). Beer, wine, mixed drinks will be available. No menu available. Cash/credit/debit cards are accepted. Dance will be held at: Morgan Hill Event Center, 82 Morgan Hill Lane, Hermon, Maine. 4 miles straight out Rte 2 from the Odlin Rd/395 intersection-on the left. Directions: <http://www.morganhilleventcenter.com/?area=directions>  
Contact : [kriscolfordsr@yahoo.com](mailto:kriscolfordsr@yahoo.com)

**APR 23** (Friday), **Ellsworth. Benefit Concert.** 7:30 P.M. A benefit concert for WERU-FM Community Radio, featuring emma's revolution, will take place on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 7:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, 121 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Tickets are \$15 suggested donation / free for those under 16 / pay what you can. For more information or advance tickets call (207) 469-6600. Doors open at 7pm. Seating is limited. Presented by The Downeast Concert Collective and WERU-FM Community Radio, all profits go to WERU-FM Community Radio. emma's revolution is the duo of award winning queer activist musicians, Pat Humphries and Sandy O. They've been described as "Smart, funny, informative -- like Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart with guitars." They've performed at hundreds of peace and justice events around the world, to include seven countries and 36 states, with Pat's performances numbering in the thousands spanning over her 30 year career. emma's revolution was nominated for Out Song and Out Musician of the Year for their song "This Love", a powerfully intimate testimonial about LGBT marriage. Pat's song "People Love" is included in middle and high school curricula, used by organizations such as the Unitarian Universalist Church and PFLAG, and performed by lesbian/LGBT choirs in the US and abroad. Their song "Keep on Moving Forward" opened the Gay Games III in Vancouver.

**APR 24** (Saturday), **Orono. Performance.** emma's revolution will also be performing on Saturday, April 24th at 1pm in Orono at the HOPE Festival presented by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, <http://peacectr.org/wp/>.

**APR 26** (Monday). **Orono. Peer Support Meeting, MaineTransNet.** MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**APR 29** (Thursday). Ellsworth. **Lecture: "A Queer History of Maine?" with Howard M. Solomon (Open event) Downeast Diversity Center,** 47 Foster Avenue. How do we tell the history of LGBT Mainers? How does community building and historical research intersect? And what's queer about examining the past, anyways? Howard M. Solomon, an historian of sexuality and leader in the effort to

establish a LGBT archive at the University of Southern Maine, will share his perspectives on the field and promising opportunities for new research. Note that this event is open to the entire LGBTQA community.

**APR 29** (Thursday). **Genderbend ME Meeting.** 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. Meetings are for trans/genderqueer/questioning youth ages 22 and under. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

## **MAY**

**MAY 7.** (Friday) **Portland. Boy Meets Girl Happy Hour** at Blackstones, 6 Pine Street, Portland, 21+, 4:00-7:00pm, No Cover, Door Prizes, Fun and Food.

**MAY 23.** (Sunday) **Portland. Pot Luck.** Good Old Fashioned Dyke Pot Luck. 5:00-7:00pm. All Ages. Details to come!

**MAY 28** (Friday) **Portland. PRYSM Prom,** evening, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Spring Street, Portland. The Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine's annual Prom event attracts hundreds of LGBTQQA youth (age 22 and under) for performances, DJ dancing, fun, socializing, safe space and more. This is a chem free event. For more information, email [prysm@commcc.org](mailto:prysm@commcc.org)

**MAY 28 and MAY 30. Various Locations. The Maine LGBT Civil Right March** — "Three Days, Hundreds of Miles, Thousands of People, and Millions of Possibilities." The mission of the March is to bring thousands of LGBT rights supporters together for a statewide, national-level event with groups & individuals from all over Maine meeting in the middle for a huge rally in Augusta on May 30. <http://www.civilrightsmarch2010.org>, [equalitynow@civilrightsmarch2010.org](mailto:equalitynow@civilrightsmarch2010.org) or call (207) 619-3319.

## **EVENTS (ONGOING):**

### **Androscoggin County**

**GUY2GUY.** Lewiston/Auburn meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Saturday night movie on the fourth Saturday of every month. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site for more information at <http://www.guy2guy.org/> See full listing below for more details.

**OUTRIGHT L/A.** UU Church, corner of Spring and Pleasant Street, Auburn. Weekly drop-in for youth age 22 and under every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email [info@outrightla.org](mailto:info@outrightla.org) or check the web site at [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org) See full listing below for more details.

**YANKEE BOYZ.** UU Church, Auburn. Monthly social/support group meeting Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify) for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. FMI contact PJ at [pjmears@roadrunner.com](mailto:pjmears@roadrunner.com) or call 783-4630. See full listing below for more details.

### **Aroostook County**

**NORTHERN LAMBDA.** Monthly meeting or gathering on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email [northernlambda@gmail.com](mailto:northernlambda@gmail.com). See full listing below for more details.

### **Cumberland County**

**AA MEETING - GLBT,** Portland, 32 Thomas Street. Sunday evenings, 6:30pm, at Williston West Church. More info: <http://www.aamaine.org/groups/1/glbtc.htm>

**DEMAND EQUALITY NOW PROTESTS.** Sundays from 9:00 am to 11:15 a.m. Portland, Immaculate Conception Church, 302 Congress St. Group statement: "We protest at the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception because it is the home church of Bishop Malone, who helped direct over \$500,000.00 in church funds and donations to help REPEAL equal marriage rights in Maine. We protest to send the message that the vote may be over, but we won't "get over it". We're not going anywhere. Everyone is welcome, any orientation, any height, any weight, lol. Just dress warmly!" For more information, please see the group's facebook site at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&gid=176167710924>

**HIV SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN** Portland, 58 Gilman Street. We meet every third Tuesday, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Open meetings. We meet at the Virology Treatment Center, 58 Gilman Street, Portland. Call Diane for more information: 662-2991.

**MAINETRANSNET** Portland, 640 Brighton Ave. Peer support meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm. MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. E-mail Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**(PFLAG) PARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS**, Portland. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email [mdpalmer@gwi.net](mailto:mdpalmer@gwi.net)

**PORTLAND FRONT RUNNERS.** Portland, Back Cove Parking Lot. Meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113. Please see full listing below.

### Hancock County

**AA MEETING - GLBT**, Ellsworth, Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 121 Bucksport Rd. More information can be found on the Central Maine AA meeting site: [www.aamaine.org](http://www.aamaine.org)

**DOWNEAST DIVERSITY CENTER.** Ellsworth, 47 Foster Avenue. Various social activities, FMI contact Stacy at 207-669-4988 or by email at [downeastdiversity@me.com](mailto:downeastdiversity@me.com) On Mondays, beginning February 8, 2010 from 9-11 A.M. is a Senior Bridge Drop In, catered toward gay seniors who are interested in a safe place to talk and enjoy some coffee, tea, and conversation. Centered around learning the game of Bridge and several other card games. The Center also has a Tai Chi class for gay men only on Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Suggested donation is \$5 per class. Classes begin at 30 minutes and progress to one hour over fifteen weeks.

**GAY GUYS GROUP (GGG) POTLUCK DINNER.** Ellsworth Area. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at [wayne@maineguyz.org](mailto:wayne@maineguyz.org) You can also check the web site and get on their mailing list at [www.maineguyz.org](http://www.maineguyz.org) See full listing below for more details.

**(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network.** Meets fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the UU Church in Ellsworth. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email [downeastglsen@roadrunner.com](mailto:downeastglsen@roadrunner.com) . You can check the resource-rich national web site at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) and find our chapter page at [www.glsen.org/downeastme](http://www.glsen.org/downeastme).

### Kennebec County

**JUST GUYS.** Augusta, 9 Green St. Regular weekly meeting meets every Wednesday 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. See full listing below for more details.

### Knox County

**OUT!...AS I WANT TO BE.** 501 Main Street, Suite #3, Rockland. GLBTQ youth, ages 14 to 22, meetings every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email [outmaine@yahoo.com](mailto:outmaine@yahoo.com) .

Check the web site at [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org) or the myspace posting at [www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe](http://www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe)  
See full listing below for more details.

### Penobscot County

**10% SOLUTIONS.** Bangor, Rm. 215 of The Commons, Husson University. A GLBTIQ support group which is held on Monday nights. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at [patela@husson.edu](mailto:patela@husson.edu) or by phone at 941-7990.

**GBLT ON RYE** (Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Transgenders on Real Youth Education). Bangor, Rm. 127 of Peabody Hall, Husson University. Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at [patela@husson.edu](mailto:patela@husson.edu) or by phone at 941-7990.

**RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP.** Bangor, Hammond St. Congregational Church. Third Saturday of each month. This gathering is open to the GLBTQI community and straight allies. It is under the auspices of the very GLBT-welcoming Hammond Street Congregational Church. While it usually consists of a potluck dinner at someone's home, there have also been gaming nights and other activities. Persons who are interested should call the church at 942-4381 for details of time and place.

### Sagadahoc County

**GUY2GUY.** Brunswick meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Saturday night movie on the second Saturday of every month. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site for more information at <http://www.guy2guy.org/> See full listing below for more details.

### **BUSINESSES:**

#### **NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTQI-OWNED BUSINESSES AND GLBTQI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS:**

*The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone next on June 15, 2010. If you are a GLBTQI business owner, an "out" GLBTQI business person associating with a non-GLBTQI-owned business, or a straight-owned supportive ally who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Zack at [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) or at 518-8663. I do not promise to answer the phone, but I do promise to listen to the voicemail and call you back, if requested.*

Maine Hooked Rugs  
Ken Carpenter  
PO Box 30  
6 Naskeag Road  
Brooklin, ME 04616  
ph: 207-359-2822  
web: [www.MaineHookedRugs.com](http://www.MaineHookedRugs.com)  
email: [mainehookedrugs@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mainehookedrugs@myfairpoint.net)

Ken has been a "hooker" since 2001 and has taught rug hooking for 6 years. Maine Hooked Rugs opened August 2009 and is a gallery of hand-hooked rugs by Maine artisans for sale, supplies for those who hook their own and classes for those who want to learn to hook. Hand-dyed as well as off-the-bolt wool, patterns, tools and fun are some of the offerings. I carry "made in Maine" products to the extent possible. The shop also carries patterns and supplies for Punchneedle embroidery.

Jenna's Outer Works  
37 Casco St., Suite 310  
Portland, ME 04101

ph: 1-207-772-7730

web: <http://www.facebook.com/JennasOuterWorks>

email: [JennasOuterWorks@gmail.com](mailto:JennasOuterWorks@gmail.com)

Offering salon services for the LGBTQA community. Will come to your home.

### **PERSONALS:**

**No new listings this issue.**

### **SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:**

*If you're a FAN subscriber trying to sell/buy something, want to trade for something else, or have something to give away, this is the category to post to. The FAN makes no guarantees about anything listed here, we simply provide the free listing as a service.*

**No new listings this issue.**

### **LIVING SPACE RENTALS:**

*If you are FAN subscriber with a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) to rent to someone, or if you are looking for a living space to rent from someone, then this is the category to post to. Postings run for four (4) consecutive issues and may be renewed for additional 4-issue runs if you wish. Send your listings to me, Zack, at [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org).*

**CANAAN** - Roommate needed. Committed, mature, gay couple returning to grad school. Require a platonic roommate to offset expenses. Two bedroom, nicely furnished cottage near the village of Canaan, Maine. 15 minutes from Waterville. Near Lake George. \$400/month or \$100/week. Our requirements: non-smoker, tidy, must abide cats(2), be friendly, sane & have a sense of humor. ph# 207-299-0115.

**BANGOR** - Studio apartment available in Bangor. Fully furnished, washer/dryer and brick patio with barbecue and flower gardens. Quiet neighborhood. Walk to downtown. Parking and internet included. Long and short term. No smoking, references. \$700 a month plus deposit. Call Susan at 207-478-4087.

### **GLBTQI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Bridge Alliance** is a registered non profit organization connecting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) community in Aroostook, Hancock, Washington, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties. Our primary goal is to accomplish the following: facilitate the development of a GLBTA community which promotes and embraces diversity; to promote and encourage the understanding that the GLBTA community plays an important role in Maine's cultural, social and economic landscape; to give back to the GLBTA community through charitable donations or in-kind services; to produce annual events that will assemble the GLBTA community in Northern Maine. We look forward to having you as a partner in our many endeavors. The web site for the Bridge Alliance is [www.thebridgealliance.org](http://www.thebridgealliance.org). The email address is [info@thebridgealliance.org](mailto:info@thebridgealliance.org). The events calendar is at [www.thebridgealliance.org/events.html](http://www.thebridgealliance.org/events.html)

**Bridging The Gap** provides no-cost clinical breast exams, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and other breast health services to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 20 to 29 who have a symptom of concern and age 30 to 39 who have a symptom of concern or a family history of breast cancer. FMI and to see if you qualify contact Robin at Bridging The Gap at 941-2808.

**Caring Connections** provides no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines and don't have insurance to cover breast and cervical health services. FMI contact Robin at Caring Connections at 941-2808.

**Connections!** Gay or Bisexual male in Maine? On your own and not getting any younger? Want to be connected by phone with other mature gay men in Maine? Network for conversation, companionship, connections for support, help in recovery from medical treatment, ice storms or accidents. Call or be called or both. If you know of anyone who may not see this message, for the sake of community pass this information on. Even slight connections among people raise our spirits. To find out more call Peter (in confidence) at 207-348-2212 between 9AM and 8PM.

**(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network.** Meets fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the UU Church in Ellsworth. We eat together (usually pizza) and ask participants to pitch in for the cost (usually about \$5). New members always welcome. Our work is focused on making schools safer and more respectful for all students and staff regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We do staff trainings, workshops at other events, and advocate for student needs. Recently we have begun to work with and encourage several gay-straight alliances (GSA's) in local high schools. We are teachers, parents, school administrators, counselors, and other interested citizens; men and women, gay and straight, working together. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email [downeastglsen@roadrunner.com](mailto:downeastglsen@roadrunner.com) . You can check the resource-rich national web site at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) and find our chapter page at [www.glsen.org/downeastme](http://www.glsen.org/downeastme).

**Equality Maine**, has been providing education and legislative advocacy for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1984. It sponsors a variety of social and legislative educational events each year and is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you're not a member, you should be. FMI contact Equality Maine at 207-761-3732 or toll free at 1-800-556-5472. Their email address is [info@equalitymaine.org](mailto:info@equalitymaine.org) and the web site is [www.equalitymaine.org](http://www.equalitymaine.org)

**(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.** To learn about and protect your rights under Maine's anti-discrimination law, visit GLAD's website at [www.glad.org](http://www.glad.org) or call the free legal hotline at 1-800-455-GLAD (1-800-455-4523). GLAD is New England's legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD's legal victories in Maine have addressed HIV discrimination, harassment of gay students, co-guardianship rights for same-sex parents, domestic partner benefits and more

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collection** at the University of Southern Maine is working to capture the history of Maine's LGBT community. We collect papers of individuals and the records of organizations active in the community. Although we mostly collect print material (books, serials, written documents) we collect almost any object that documents the life and experience of the LGBT community (photographs, books, newsletters, objects, posters, T-shirts, buttons, etc). Following professional standards, we are careful to guard the privacy of individuals involved with the collections and will work with donors who choose anonymity. For information on the collection and donating material please contact Susie Bock, 207-780-4269 or [bocks@usm.maine.edu](mailto:bocks@usm.maine.edu).

**Lesbian Health Project.** Initiated in 1992, the Lesbian Health Project of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center seeks to promote non-homophobic health services which will provide lesbians with the ability to make the best health decisions possible based on accurate knowledge. The focus of the project is on developing educational materials for lesbians and trainings for health and social service professionals. In addition, the project sponsors a Lesbian Health Clinic at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center which provides low-cost, woman positive, lesbian-centered health care including: pelvic exams, breast exams, health education, instruction in breast self-exam, pap smears, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information or to become involved in the work of the project contact the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center at 947-5337

**Lesbian Radio** is on the air Wednesday afternoons from 1 until 1:30 pm. Listen in at 90.9 and 104.1FM and online at [www.wmpg.org](http://www.wmpg.org) to politics, news, arts, business, music, poetry--all things Lesbian-y. Deb Gallagher hosts the show live each week. [ourlesbianradioshow@yahoo.com](mailto:ourlesbianradioshow@yahoo.com)

**Living Queer Here!** A locally-produced radio show aired on station WERU. An exploration into the full range of life created and experienced by the queer community in Maine. Hosted by Gail Mackinson & Cindy Montgomery. The show airs on the 4th Thursday of each month 10-11 am. WERU broadcasts in the greater Blue Hill area on frequency 89.9 FM, in the Bangor area on frequency 102.9 FM, and streams on

the web at [www.weru.org](http://www.weru.org) . WERU also broadcasts the nationally syndicated GLBTI show: **This Way Out** every Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 4:30 pm.

**Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program**, offers no-cost mammograms, pap tests, and gynecological exams to qualifying Maine women (regardless of sexual orientation). If you are a woman in Maine and you are due for a Pap test or mammogram, help is just a phone call away. The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program can help you get the health care you deserve. If you are a Maine woman over 40, have little or no insurance and meet certain income guidelines then you may be eligible for no-cost mammograms, Pap tests, and gynecological exams at your choice of participating area providers. Call today to see if you qualify, 973-3646 or 1-800-350-5180. (TTY 1-800-438-5514) The best protection is early detection! (Jessica Thompson - contact)

**Maine Equity Fund.** Part of the Maine Community Foundation, The Maine Equity Fund's mission is to strengthen GLBT organizations in Maine and support community-based initiatives that address GLBT issues and needs through grant making. The vision driving the fund is one of inclusive, diverse, prejudice-free communities for the GLBT population and for all people in Maine. Detailed grant information is available on the web and the annual proposal deadline is in September. <http://www.maineef.org/grants/availablegrants/equityfund.aspx>

**MaineTransNet (Maine Transgender Network, Inc.)** is an organization dedicated to educating the public about gender identity and raising awareness of the varied forms of gender expression. We provide support and consultation to health and social service professionals, transgender individuals, their families, and interested others. MTN also sponsors a transgender peer support group and a separate group for partners of trans/genderqueer/questioning individuals. FMI email Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) or check the web site at [www.mainetransnet.org](http://www.mainetransnet.org). You could also leave a message at 207-408-1685.

**National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues** meets monthly in Portland. Membership on the NASW LGBT Committee is open to social workers in Maine who are interested in LGBT issues in general and improving social work services to LGBT populations in particular. Please join us. Contact Frank Brooks at [fbrooks1@maine.rr.com](mailto:fbrooks1@maine.rr.com) for meeting place, dates, and times.

**The Naughty North Collective** is a state wide radical queer direct action (dis)organization. We are committed to celebrating our queerest selves while resisting the devastating violence inherent in the consumer driven assimilationist gaystream. We will defend ourselves against the brutal silence of isolation thru a diverse and dedicated network of action oriented friends and lovers. We will not deny our anger or fail to recognize the links between queer struggle and challenging power. Naughty North is a defiant orgasm in the face of oppression: all are welcome to get off with us! <http://www.thenaughtynorth.blogspot.com>

**Trans Care Collaborative.** Mission: To improve the medical and mental health care available to the transgender and gender-diverse population in Maine. To foster a network of medical care, mental health and other support services treating the transgender and gender-diverse community in Maine. To advocate for the needs of transgender and gender-diverse individuals. This is a Portland-based group *for medical and mental health professionals only*. We meet monthly to discuss trans-related healthcare and occasionally offer events that raise awareness about trans issues. FMI contact: Rick Bouchard, LCSW at 207-650-6450 ... email [CONSTL8@maine.rr.com](mailto:CONSTL8@maine.rr.com) OR Wayne Bachner, LCSW at 207-662-4872 ... email [BACHNW@mmc.org](mailto:BACHNW@mmc.org)

**The Transgender Fund.** With offices in Freeport, Maine, The Transgender Fund is a national, completely independent, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable foundation. It has been created by and for transgendered individuals. Our funding is derived from contributions by caring individuals of all levels of means. Our strength and independence come from the fact that there is no single benefactor who has seeded the Fund with a large amount of capital. Contributions you make are added to those of your sisters and brothers. Individually, they may seem modest, but collectively they add up to a powerful force that is reinvested in the support of projects fostering the well-being of all our gender variant minorities. FMI email [info@tgfund.org](mailto:info@tgfund.org) OR check the web site at [www.tgfund.org](http://www.tgfund.org)

**Trans Youth Equality Foundation.** A new foundation established to support transgender and transsexual youth (ages 2-22). We are a resource for information and support to parents of trans youths, advocates, allies, and the youths themselves. We are here to listen, advocate, etc. We have a lending library and a zine and a poetry contest for trans folks, youth and their allies. Located in Portland but available to all. Please reach out. FMI contact Susan Maasch, director at [contact@transyouthequality.org](mailto:contact@transyouthequality.org) and check the web site at [www.transyouthequality.org](http://www.transyouthequality.org)

## **SOCIAL GROUPS:**

**Buddy Bikers, Gay Motorcycle Group** (PORTLAND) Guys who are gay/gay friendly who enjoy group rides. Based in the Portland area, but rides are not limited to Southern Maine. Harleys to Hondas, Choppers to Rice Rockets. SORRY, NO SCOOTERS ALLOWED. Annual event; Biker Boy Brunch, third Sunday of August to Amore's in Ogunquit. EMAIL [buddybikers@yahoo.com](mailto:buddybikers@yahoo.com) Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/buddybikers>

**Clay Hill Farm Restaurant** (OGUNQUIT) hosts a variety of women-only events during the year. Among them are a Christmas Season dinner-dance, a women's Valentine's Day dinner-dance (for both couples AND singles), and a Spring Soiree in June. You can check out the web site at [www.clayhillfarm.com](http://www.clayhillfarm.com) . To get on the e-mail list for their Events For Women, send your request to Jackie at [Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com)

**DEPA (DownEast Pride Alliance).** (PORTLAND) DEPA's mission is to grow, promote and increase the visibility of GLBT businesses, their owners, and their allies in the communities that support them. Sid Tripp with Proactive Resources Design and Leah Bartley of Smith Barney have teamed-up to co-sponsor a monthly after-hours gay business network called The DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA). We hope to fill the need for a comprehensive business network geared specifically for gay & gay friendly businesses throughout Southern & Coastal Maine. FMI contact Sid Tripp at 772-3599 or Leah Bartley at 771-0854 or check the web site at [www.depabusiness.com](http://www.depabusiness.com)

**Downeast Diversity Center** (47 Foster Avenue in Ellsworth). The Center, which has plans to expand its range of services in coming months, is initially being established to bring the community of men who have sex with men (the MSM community) together **every other Tuesday night** for a series of varied activities including presentations, games nights, movie nights, and music nights, and possibly even potlucks, dances, etc. It is hoped that eventually the Center will be able to open its doors for a wide range of activities for not only the MSM community, but also for the greater GLBT community. We welcome all Maine men, especially those in the greater Hancock, Penobscot, Waldo, and Washington county areas, to come and join us. The Center will be what you make of it, and your participation is vital to its success. FMI contact Stacy at 207-669-4988 or by email at [downeastdiversity@me.com](mailto:downeastdiversity@me.com)

**GetOut** (PORTLAND and OGUNQUIT) is committed to serving as a bridge connecting and supporting men who have sex with men (MSM), gay men, bisexual men, and questioning men through educational and community activities. This diverse mix of activities will provide these men with alternatives to the gay bars and on-line hook up sites by drawing attention to the rise in STD infections, the steady number of HIV infections among the gay male population, and the importance of establishing and maintaining a visible community. It is the hope of all participants and supporters that a safe and non-judgmental environment be created to allow for the comfortable exploration of sexual identities. Group Happenings Include: Volleyball, Men's Discussion Group, Book Club, Coffeehouse, Men's Health, Movie Night, and Lending Library. There is a GetOut group in Portland/GoPortland <http://www.goportland.net/> There is also a GetOut group in Ogunquit/GoOgunquit <http://www.googunquit.net/>

**Guy2Guy** (BRUNSWICK and LEWISTON/AUBURN) is a group of guys (gay, straight, bi, questioning, trans) building community together. We have regular discussions, workshops, movie nights, and social activities. We acknowledge the need for guys to get together in a healthy and safe environment to talk about issues important to them and to build community. Guy2Guy meets in Lewiston/Auburn on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month and meets in Brunswick on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please visit our calendar for more information. We invite you to come and join us in a friendly, open and non-judgmental environment. Check the web site at <http://www.guy2guy.org/>

**just guys.** (AUGUSTA) A social group for men who have sex with men meets every Wednesday at the just guys 1950's library café, second floor, 9 Green St, in Augusta. We work to create a safe, welcoming space free of attitude, ego, gossip, labels, or judgment. Drop in for casual chat, cookies, and coffee Wednesday any time from 5:30 to 7:00. The regular weekly meetings are 7-8:30. The night's activities can include discussions, games, guest speakers, or movies, and always fun snacks. Join us, bring a friend, come share! Free, anonymous, 20-minute rapid oral test is available with appointment anytime. FMI contact Lew at 621-3794. More information, weekly updates at [www.justguys.info](http://www.justguys.info)

**just friends** (AUGUSTA BASED BUT STATEWIDE) A just-started group of folk, male and female, who have offered an ear, a shoulder, a hand, and friendship on a one-to-one, peer basis. Lonely? Lost? Just down? Just need to share some stuff? When you need a friend and friends just pass you by, give Lew a shout, and you can be connected to someone who cares. For those of you who cannot make meetings, but have access to the net, this could be your touch with someone who would be glad to connect with you. You can decide if you want to share your name, your problems, your bad jokes, emails, or just a cup of coffee. The people are not counselors, docs or therapists, they're just friends. 621-3794 or the cell (with poor reception, sorry): 215-4594 or check out [www.justguys.info](http://www.justguys.info)

**Maine Street Bar** (OGUNQUIT) hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at <http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php>

**Northern Lambda.** (AROOSTOOK COUNTY) A GLBTQ social group that hosts monthly meetings/gatherings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. Open to all gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning folks (and their friends & supporters). FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email [northernlambda@gmail.com](mailto:northernlambda@gmail.com) . You can also ask to join their YahooGroup and keep informed on all the doing's via email. <http://www.northernlambda.org>

**Out!...As I Want To Be.** (ROCKLAND) An organization for all GLBTQQ youth, ages 14 to 22, as well as straight allies. We are an all-volunteer, youth-driven organization. We seek to provide outreach, affirmation, support, and education in a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland at 501 Main Street (the building just before the Ferry Terminal), Suite #3 (2nd floor) every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email [outmaine@yahoo.com](mailto:outmaine@yahoo.com) . Check the web site at [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org) or the myspace posting at [www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe](http://www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe)

**Outright L/A.** (ANDROSCOGGIN / OXFORD / FRANKLIN COUNTIES) Outright Lewiston/Auburn creates safe and affirming environments for youth age 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Outright L/A hosts a weekly drop-in, a place for youth age 22 and under to meet other youth, talk, plan events, play games, watch movies, get information on HIV prevention, and much more! Outright L/A meets every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm at the UU Church on the corner of Spring and Pleasant streets in Auburn. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email [info@outrightla.org](mailto:info@outrightla.org) or check the web site at [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org)

**Portland Front Runners** (PORTLAND), The Portland Front Runners, a GLBT running/walking group, meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. A great way to keep healthy and make new friends. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113

**Portland Lesbian Coffee House.** (PORTLAND) Join our community of women to talk about books, politics, music, raising children or the wacky thing that happened on the latest episode of The L Word. All stripes of the tribe welcome. This is a social group that includes women of all ages and statuses. You can check it out on the web at <http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/78/> . FMI about dates, times, location, contact Mary at [laughingmary@hotmail.com](mailto:laughingmary@hotmail.com)

**PRYSM (Proud Rainbow Youth Of Southern Maine)** (PORTLAND) An organization that provides safe and supportive community for youth 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Tuesday from 5-7:30 pm. Located at 343 Forest Avenue, rear entrance. Also provide outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership

development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI call 874-1022 or email [prysm@commcc.org](mailto:prysm@commcc.org)

**Rainbow Business & Professional Association (RBPA)** (PORTLAND) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the vitality, productivity and growth of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender business and professional community throughout the State of Maine. Since 1992, our aim has been to promote and support the LGBT business and professional community in Maine. RBPA is a rapidly growing organization with a membership that boasts business leaders, entrepreneurs, the self-employed, individuals from the corporate community and non-profit organizations. Check the web site at [www.rbpa.org](http://www.rbpa.org)

**Saco Bay Gay Men** (BIDDEFORD/SACO), A gay men's support group has been started in Saco. We meet at the UU Church of Saco & Biddeford, every Thursday evening. We started out meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> and are growing. FMI contact Tom Muise at [sbgm@verizon.net](mailto:sbgm@verizon.net)

**Seacoast Outright.** (PORTSMOUTH, NH) but available to GLBTI youth from York county and southern Maine. A peer support group/organization for GLBTI youths. FMI contact Tawnee Walling, Executive Director at 603-431-1013 or check the web site at [www.seacoastoutright.org](http://www.seacoastoutright.org)

**Seacoast Sapphos** (PORTLAND TO PORTSMOUTH) A women's social group that sponsors dances, BBQs, potlucks, concerts, etc. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Cherie at [seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com](mailto:seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com) or check the web site at [www.seacoastsapphos.org](http://www.seacoastsapphos.org)

**Thrive** (PORTLAND AREA). Thrive offers gay, bi and questioning guys social and community building opportunities. Thrive coordinates social events like coffee houses, movie nights, and dinners. Thrive also provides wellness programming, information and advocacy for health issues and responsibilities unique to our community. FMI call 207-756-8071, email [thrive@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:thrive@portlandmaine.gov) or check the website at [www.thrivemaine.com](http://www.thrivemaine.com).

**Trans\_Port\_Me** (PORTLAND) This is a trans support group located in Portland, Maine for people who identify as transgender. Both M2F and F2M are welcome. We are located in downtown Portland and meet on a monthly basis in a safe location. A screening and interview process is in place to insure security and discretion. Admission to this group is by invitation only. My name is Gail and I am your host and moderator, but this is YOUR support group so the more input involvement and participation you provide the better. Internet support is fine, but person to person support, validation and interaction with people who are like us can have a profound effect on our overall well-being and sense of self. Send an e-mail to [mailto:g\\_g\\_moreau@yahoo.com](mailto:g_g_moreau@yahoo.com) to join the online support group.

**Twin Ponds Lodge** (WATERVILLE-AUGUSTA AREA) is a private social club in Maine for adult male naturists and men who are comfortable with naturists. This private social club fills a niche for men seeking a comfortable and welcoming setting surrounded by nature on 75 acres of fields and woods. As a members-only club, we welcome you into a clothing-optional country setting to enjoy relaxation, recreation, and socializing. Passing through the gated entrance, you are greeted by two ponds surrounded by the lodge, lawns, cabins, and tenting areas. There are also areas for RVs with full hookups, including sewer. The lodge also welcomes member day visitors to enjoy the surroundings and recreational opportunities, and to explore the trails that wind through the woods. The Lodge is open year-round and features a large indoor heated pool, hot tub, sauna, and (coming soon) a steam room. The large great room provides seating for socializing, eating, or enjoying the large screen satellite television. The recreation room has a ping-pong and billiard table. (The gym/exercise room in coming soon!) We welcome all men, whether gay, straight, or bisexual. FMI, check the web site at [www.twinpondslodge.com](http://www.twinpondslodge.com) or email them at [stay@twinpondslodge.com](mailto:stay@twinpondslodge.com) or call John at 207-437-2200.

**WAYVES** (CANADIAN MARITIMES) For those FAN readers who are near the Canadian maritime provinces there is a monthly newspaper, called WAYVES, which is put out by the maritime GLBT community. It's put out in print copy only, covers all the maritime provinces, and contains feature articles, regular columns, listings of groups and services, listings of GLBT events coming up, and business ads. A subscription sent to the U.S. is \$30/year CDN. FMI about subscribing contact Jim McMillan at 902-826-7356, email [submissions@wayves.ca](mailto:submissions@wayves.ca), or write to Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3S1. You can also check their web site at [www.wayves.ca](http://www.wayves.ca)

**Yankee Boyz.** (AUBURN) A social/support group for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. Female-to-male Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, TG Butches, Stonebutches and otherwise very masculine identified female "guys" and their SOFFA'S (significant other, friend, family, allies) are welcome. All sexual orientations are welcome. A place to share ideas and experiences in an atmosphere where we do not have to fight for validation. Meets monthly Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify). Meetings are held at the U.U. Church in Auburn. FMI contact PJ at [pjmears@roadrunner.com](mailto:pjmears@roadrunner.com) or call 783-4630.

### **WEB-BASED MAINE GLBTQI LISTSERVES AND E-MAIL LISTS:**

**Bisexual Group Online.** Bisexuals in Maine and other points north (BINNE). This is a discussion group, NOT a dating group. Located in Yahoo! groups at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/binne>.

**Coastal Women's Connection.** A women's social group providing connections for LBT women in the Brunswick to Portland area. oftball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI about their activities you can join their yahoo group site (they have an events calendar) at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coastalwomensconnection>.

**Deserve to Know.** A web site sponsored by The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention which features community resources for men who have sex with men (MSM) and all who are working to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in Maine. This interactive Web site features a community calendar, HIV testing sites, and other helpful information. D2K will provides an anonymous and friendly place to browse information about HIV, HIV testing and men's health issues. It also features local and national news and information geared toward the MSM community. Check it out at [www.deservetoknowme.org](http://www.deservetoknowme.org)

**Gay Maine.** [www.gaymaine.com](http://www.gaymaine.com). The lesbian and gay directory for gay-owned and gay-friendly places in Maine: Bars, clubs, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and more!

**Laura's Playground. Transgender Suicide Prevention and Support Site.** Jessica writes: I'm a moderator at a transgender suicide prevention and support site. It's a wonderful place with a live chat and lots of information. The chat runs 24 hours a day and I don't remember the last time there wasn't a moderator present. We screen the chatters to make sure we keep out 'admirers' and anyone who might harass. All moderators go thru suicide prevention training thru <http://training.sprc.org> as well as training from the administrators and supervisors. And it isn't only for suicidal individuals, a lot of TGs just go there to chat with people who understand their situation. I personally have found lots of support there and made some great friends. The people there are always willing to help answer any questions someone might have. Maine doesn't have much support to offer to TGs north of Bangor, or even much in Bangor. I just want to make sure that people know that Laura's Playground is around to offer support, answer questions, and help people find the resources they need. You can find it at: [www.lauras-playground.com](http://www.lauras-playground.com)

**Maine Gay Men's Weekly News Letter** is an email newsletter focusing on organizations and activities in southern Maine. It is primarily for gay men, but they do include some general GLBT activities info and links to various GLBT organizations around the state. FMI, to see a sample copy, or to be added to their mailing list, send Joe an email at [cascogays@gmail.com](mailto:cascogays@gmail.com) with your request.

**Maine GayNet Listserve.** A long-running listserve for the Maine GLBTQ community which allows members to post notices, opinions, etc. (in a broadcast manner) to everyone else on the listserve. To join the Maine GayNet listserve, send the following command in the body of a message to [majordomo@groups.queernet.org](mailto:majordomo@groups.queernet.org): subscribe me-gaynet youremailaddress.

**Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events (MEGONE)** is a yahoo group site/email list for Maine's GLBT? folks (& friends) for posting announcements of outdoor related events. It's not a formal club or organization--just an informal way to let folks know about outdoor activities that they might like to participate in--whether it's a hike, a paddle, camping trip, nature walk, or even a downtown shopping walk--it's up to you. This is not meant to compete with other groups such as the Chiltern Club--it's just an idea that some of us came up with on a recent trip to Baxter State Park :-). So, if you'd like some company the

next time you take a hike, go on a bike ride, paddle, etc., just send an email to [megone@yahogroups.com](mailto:megone@yahogroups.com) to let members know the details. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megone/> Please pass the word along to other gay-related lists/groups—the more people who join, the more opportunities there will be for connecting with like-minded folks for some great outdoor fun. Right now, the membership is "open" to anyone who would like to join....however, if we have any problems with folks who are not gay-friendly, I may change it to a process requiring membership approval. Also, people posting should use discretion regarding publicly posting time/place to meet—you may want to simply say "anyone interested in details, please email me at \_\_\_\_\_, or call me at \_\_\_\_\_ " Any questions? let me know! ([mikeondavispond@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeondavispond@yahoo.com))

**Maine Lesbians Listserv** Anyone who identifies as a lesbian is welcome to join. The website address is: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-lesbians> Women can request to join from the website or email me: [patput@midcoast.com](mailto:patput@midcoast.com)

**Maine-Motorcycle-Women.** Family member Vicky has set up a group on Google for women motorcyclists. Check it out at: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-motorcycle-women?lnk=srg> FMI contact Vicky at [vroommaine@gmail.com](mailto:vroommaine@gmail.com)

**Proud Lesbians of Poverty** We seek people to join the group as we explore ways to improve the civil rights of GLBTQ's of poverty who cannot afford a lawyer to enforce their Gay Civil Rights, or their original Human Rights as a person. We are open to all people of any background. FMI contact Jan at [janshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:janshouse@yahoo.com) or phone 207-453-2353 or join the yahoo group at <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ProudLesbians/>

**Rubyfruit Cafe.** A Maine-based, on-line, lesbian virtual community. Rubyfruit Cafe is a lesbian community magazine designed to showcase our lives, creativity, spirituality, politics, and much more. It is a website that will be driven by your submissions, your music, poetry, videos, photos, and stories. Show us where and how you live (show us your "crib") ... Tell us about your spirituality ... what you think politically and poetically ... sing your song or show us your garden ... share your lives, ideas and hopes with each other. If you find an interesting article, website, product, or new talent, let us hear about it. I want to create a fun, creative, supportive, environment for everyone to relax and just enjoy each other ... to take pleasure in our diversity and talents ... a place of tolerance and celebration. [www.rubyfruitcafe.com](http://www.rubyfruitcafe.com)

## **THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER:**

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" or "The FAN" in the subject line).

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTQI (gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans/queer/intersexed) community, sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It covers the State of Maine. The list was graciously begun and maintained for many years by Jean Vermette in Bangor. It is now operated by Zack Paakkonen of Portland.

WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTQI-family company for those fun and interesting things you'd like to do. Do you want to host a potluck, attend a concert, or have someone to join you on that bus tour to Boston? Are you looking for someone to join you at the hockey or baseball games, for hiking, or to go to that special art exhibit? Are you looking for canoeing, golfing, camping, or fishing partners? This is the best place to look. Think up something fun to do, organize it, and let us know about it....it's easy!

CAN I ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE "EVERYONE" ?

Yes. People who want to organize an activity for the GLBTQ and/or I community are free to set whatever requirements or restrictions they want to on the activity they're organizing. If you want to organize a "women only" camping trip, a "men only" drumming night, a "youth from age 18-24 only" dance, or a day trip to a water park for GLBTQI "couples with children", that would be fine.

CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTQI FOCUSED?

But of course! Not everyone who watches women's basketball is a lesbian! If you want to organize an activity around something that is "mostly-straight-but-GLBTQI-friendly," then do it!

ARE THERE ANY DEADLINES FOR POSTING?

If you want to be sure that your posting will make it into the next issue, please send it to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) no later than four days prior to when the next issue comes out (in other words – three days before either the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month). Although I can try to get a last-minute post into the next issue if you mail it later than my deadline, I can't guarantee it will make it.

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org)

CAVEATS:

All newsletters are emailed BCC, and the email list is not given out to anyone. Still, keep in mind that while this newsletter is for the GLBTQI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify "queer" status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need.