

Common Circle for Human Rights

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"Beach Party '98" on January 17

Get ready for a "day at the beach" on Saturday, January 17! BEACH PARTY '98 will be a party with a cause ... to support the upcoming February 10 "NO" vote. We'll be gathering at the Belfast Dance Studio on High Street (near the Co-op) between 8-11pm. For the evening, the studio will become our tropical sand beach. We'll dance to the music of Jimmy Buffett, the Beach Boys, and other favorites. We'll limbo, twist, hula hoop, and play beach blanket bingo. We'll even be giving a prize to the person who wears the "Best Costume" of the night. And an added bonus .. the public sauna will be available for those who are really ready to sweat!

So think "SUN," let your imagination soar, and get ready for a rockin' good time! Bring your friends and family. Suggested donation at the door is \$5.00 per person. You're guaranteed to carry away lots of great memories of a fun "mid-winter fantasy," you'll be able to pick up lots of info about the February special election .. and hopefully bumper stickers, yard signs, and buttons in support of the "No" vote. So dust off your Hawaiian shirts, jams, sun shades, beach blankets, and zinc oxide .. and join us!

A Note from the CCHR Steering Committee

We have decided to affiliate with "Midcoast Won't Discriminate" (for activities related to the Feb. 10 referendum) and use that name for ease in our fundraising efforts to help defeat the referendum question on Feb. 10. "Midcoast" is working with groups from Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties. All proceeds will be used to bring Victory to NO on Feb. 10th! So don't be confused when you see information about events that mention "Midcoast Won't Discriminate" in tandem with the Common Circle for Human Rights.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

Monday January 12th at 6:30 P.M. at 12 Pearl Street (corner of Union on the water side)
All welcome! We will further discuss and plan the work that needs to be accomplished in Waldo County in conjunction with the February special ballot. There is much to be done ... please volunteer your time and talents to help us "get out the vote" locally!!

Q: What Needs to be Done Before Feb. 10th?

A: LOTS!!! Check the list below, find something you will do!

- By January 12th to 15th. Contact Mitzi Lichtman at 338-5889 immediately if you can make a major commitment of time to go to any of the town offices in Waldo County, obtain a checklist of the voters who voted in 1997 and 1996 and write on individual 3 1/2" x 5". cards the names and addresses of people who vote. This work has to take place in the town office. Call Mitzi for further details or to become Town Coordinator in your town.
- Locate a business in Belfast which will donate their space to us from Jan. 12 - Feb. 10th for phone banking. Mon. - Thurs. 6 to 9 P.M., Sat. 10 to 1 P.M. & 3 to 6 P.M., Sun. Noon to 3 P.M. & 3 to 6 P.M.
- Volunteer to staff or supervise the phone bank during above hours. See calendar enclosed to put specific date(s) and time commitment.
- Get 10 people to commit to voting "NO" and have each of them get 5 to 10 more people etc. Write down those names, addresses and phone numbers when possible.
- Invite friends and spend an evening generating names, addresses and phone numbers of people you can call or that can be called from our phone bank in the Belfast area.
- Write Letters to the Editor or Op/Ed pieces.
- A group of CCHR members are working to obtain endorsements for the "NO" vote from area businesses and organizations. If you would like to help the group contact local businesses for support, call 338-1427 or come by the Coastal AIDS Network office and let Nan Stone know what specific businesses you would be willing to contact.
- Contact Nan Stone at 338-5559 if your organization or business wants to participate in a newspaper advertisement before the election.
- Host a house party to raise funds or make phone calls to prospective voters.
- Take off Feb. 10th to drive people to the polls. Let us know if you plan to do so!
- Distribute Posters/bumper stickers/ campaign literature in your area. Identify good locations for signs that will go in windows and let Mitzi know those locations.
- Organize a "Get Out the NO Vote" effort at your campus or workplace.
- Invite CCHR to speak to your group or organization.
- Volunteer to Staff the Portland office of Maine Won't Discriminate at 565 Congress Street, Suite 206 or P.O. Box 11061, Portland 04104. Call Sam Sherman at 772-7740. Send them Money!

Wording of the Referendum

"Do you want to reject the law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation with respect to jobs, housing, public accommodation and credit?" *The answer is "NO!"*

COMING ATTRACTIONS

From Canada To Kittery - A Step in the Right Direction

On January 15 Paul Fuller, a 14th generation Mainer and experienced backpacker with more than 10,000 miles under his feet, will begin a 3-week, 395 mile walk through the state of Maine (from Van Buren on the Canadian border to the I-95 bridge at Kittery) to raise awareness about the upcoming referendum. According to Paul, "every Mainer who wants to see freedom, dignity, and equal rights for all guaranteed under law" needs to vote "NO" on February 10."

Paul's trek will bring him through Searsport and Belfast on Monday, January 26 (he is expected to arrive in Belfast around 2pm). A welcome reception is being planned to show support for his effort (and the "Vote NO" position). Following the reception, attendees will be invited to walk a short distance in unity with Paul as he proceeds out of Belfast toward Lincolnville and beyond. Final arrangements are still being finalized for the time and location of the reception. So watch for further details in the local papers and join us to lend your support to this gallant undertaking!

Singer/Songwriter Kathleen Hannen to Perform on Feb. 7th!

Get ready for a rare treat coming to us all the way from North Carolina. We hear she sings just the kind of songs that will help sustain and nourish our spirit and energy in order to be fully inspired for the final push to Get Out the Vote for Feb. 10th! The performance will be at 7:30 P.M. at the Belfast Free Library, Abbott Auditorium. \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Tickets available at the Green Store in Belfast or from Mitzi Lichtman -338-5889, Deb Hockensmith 338-1704, Jude Spacks 338-6331.

MLGPA Banquet and Dance in Augusta

The Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) is hosting its annual award banquet dinner and dance at the Augusta Civic Center on February 7. Dinner will be at 6:00pm, followed by a dance. Due to the importance of the "Maine Won't Discriminate" effort, proceeds from the dance will be donated to MWD. Admission price of the dance only is \$5.00. We encourage people go dance after the Kathleen Hannen concert. For more information about the banquet and dinner, call MLGPA at 1-800-55-MLGPA.

February CCHR Meeting - February 12th Celebrate & Reflect on the Referendum

On Thursday, February 12, between 7-9pm, our group will gather at the Alden House Bed & Breakfast for our regular monthly meeting! Hopefully, we'll be celebrating a victory in the special election; we'll reflect on our efforts and enjoy one another's company in this very comfortable setting! Come sit by the fire! Piano available. Unwind after our hard work. Our thanks to Jesse Jahnke and Marla Stickle for providing their lovely B & B for the meeting! We hope to see you there!

March CCHR Meeting - March 26th Clean Clothes Campaign - Learn More About It!

Watch local newspapers for location and details!

**Got the Post-Holiday Blues?
Well, get over them ... Let's party!!!**

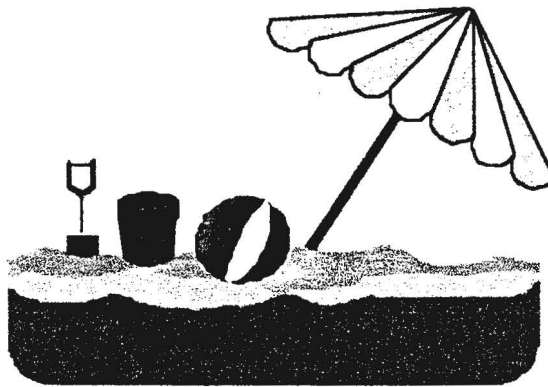
Come to

Beach Party '98

Belfast Dance Studio

Saturday, January 17

8-11pm



**Dress in your favorite beachwear,
bring your beach towel, beach chairs and sunscreen!**

Prize for Best Costume

Limbo Contest

Twist Contest

Hula Hoop Contest

Beach Bingo

Public Sauna

Refreshments

**Requested Donation: \$5.00
To Support The February 10 "NO" Vote!**

**This Chem-Free Fundraiser is Sponsored By
Common Circle for Human Rights
For more information call 338-5889**

Paid for and Authorized by
Midcoast Won't Discriminate, Michael Mayo, Treasurer, 175 Main Street, Thomaston, ME 04861

VOTE NO

Midcoast Won't Discriminate - Waldo
Mail to: Common Circle for Human Rights
P.O. Box 793
Belfast, Maine 04915
338-5889 or mitzijoy@agate.net

VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE:(H) _____ (W) _____ (F) _____

PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- _____ TOWN COORDINATOR FOR _____
- _____ Make Calls from Phone Bank in Belfast area
- _____ Make calls from home. What town(s) or phone exchange(s)? _____
- _____ Help contact local businesses for their endorsement of the "NO" vote.
- _____ Write letters to the editor.
- _____ House Party
- _____ Set up speaking engagement to group/org.
- _____ Distribute literature and signs. I have a prime location for sign!
Location: _____
- _____ Drive voters to the polls
- _____ Help with mailings
- _____ Bake Refreshments for Jan. 17th or Feb. 7th!

The Days and Times I'm available to help: (please indicate hours of availability)

Monday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Tuesday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Wednesday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Thursday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Friday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Saturday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____
Sunday	Morning: _____ - _____	P.M. _____ - _____	Eve: _____ - _____

Please complete and return as soon as possible! Thanks

Let the radical right know:

Maine *Still* Won't Discriminate

February 10th, put an end to the attack on our basic rights:



Vote NO! on Question 1.

Political observers are saying that a low voter turnout may hurt the chances of defeating Question 1. Because of an odd voting date and winter weather conditions, the wishes of a few right-wing special interest groups may become law in Maine.

This Tuesday, February 10th, we urge everyone to do everything they can to stop the attack on our civil rights:

1. Vote.
2. Get friends, family, and co-workers to the polls.
3. Call (207) 772-7740 to volunteer for the statewide Get-Out-The-Vote Effort.

Question 1:

"Do you want to reject the law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations."

VOTE NO ON 1. MAINE WON'T DISCRIMINATE.

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