

## Maine Bisexual People's Network Newsletter, September 1992

P.O. Box 10772, Portland, ME 04104

*Meetings are 3rd Sunday of every month, 1-4 pm, at 18 Center St., Brunswick (private office. Please park on the far side of the lot behind the dentists' building. Contributions to the potluck refreshments are welcome but not mandatory.)*

Hi Folks,

I haven't yet found a free meeting place in Portland, so the Sept. meeting will be in Brunswick. We think the group will grow more if it is down here, but we don't have funds to cover meeting room rental. Any ideas? Those of us who are attending meetings enjoy each other's sharing and support and would like to widen the circle so more can benefit.

I hope your summer was wonderful and that you and your gardens are flourishing. (My garden is a big planter, some flower pots, and several buckets on my 3rd floor porch. Mighty farmer! To think, my dad was an ag professor.)

Maine groups which identify themselves as bi-inclusive:

Am Chofshi, Jewish L/B/G chavurah. Monthly. POB 5017, Portland 04104.

Bates College G/L/B/Straight Alliance - Sun eves, 8:30 in Hirasawa Lounge.

Bowdoin College B/G/L Alliance.

Colby College B/L/G Community, Waterville.

Northern Lambda Nord, POB 990, Caribou 498-2008. social activities, speaker's bureau, discussion groups, newsletter.

UNE Lifestyles Alliance Club.

U ME, Orono, Wilde-Stein Club.

USM Bi women's support group & gay & bi mens' group- contact Queer Alliance.

Have I missed groups you know about? Please let me know so I can print the information in our newsletter and send it on to the Internat'l Directory of Bi Groups. Read the Maine Progressive, Our Paper, and Apex for more information and other listings.

**Matlovitch Society** will have a celebration on Sun., Sept. 13, 3-5 pm, at their office 72 Pine St., Portland. Review of treasurer's report, discussion of goals and objectives for '93, and refreshments. This is a good time to give input about bi inclusion. You can write, anonymously if you like, &/or attend the meeting. My sense is that this group is becoming more bi friendly as time goes on. I plan to attend.

Regular meetings of Matlovitch Society are on 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm, Portland Public Library. On 9/10: Intimacy, Ultimacy, and Immediacy: Meaningmaking amidst AIDS. On 9/24: PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) on Keeping Families Together.

The **Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Parents' Group** meets monthly. As sexual minority parents, we share and give support as we deal with the non-B/G/L parent, schools, and our kids and their friends. Sept. 16 is our next scheduled meeting. For information & directions, contact Jim Bratton at 799-1823.



The **Unitarian Universalist Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Fellowship of Maine** meets monthly for potlucks, fellowship, substantive presentations, and discussions. *Definitely bi-friendly*. They've moved around some, but are now scheduling all meetings at 1st Parish Church on Congress St., in Portland. I'll be talking about the UU Welcoming Congregations (sexual minority) Program on Sept. 15.

**Equal Protection Portland** is a group formed to defeat the referendum and keep our historic anti-discrimination ordinance on sexual orientation. Known bisexuals are active in this group! Meets Monday evenings at the Matlovitch Office, 72 Pine St. 879-5360.

The **East Coast Bisexual Network** has new office space at 95 Berkeley St., Suite 613, Boston. Their phone is still 617-BIS-MOVE. Mail is being forwarded.

**Biversity** (Boston area bi social organization) **Monthly Bi Brunches:** **19 Sept.**, 11 am, at the Downtown Cafe, 610 Washington St., Boston (Chinatown, Orange line, is the nearest T stop.) **Oct. 17 Brunch** is Dim Sum at 11 am, at the New House of Toy, 14 Hudson St., Boston. (Orange Line Chinatown T stop or South Station on the Red Line.) Round trip C & J Trailways bus from Portland delivers you to South Station.

If you want to attend the **2nd International Bisexual Conference**, in London, UK, Oct. 23 & 24, I have registration forms and information. Very cheap. Free for the unemployed! Some free housing too. At least one person from Boston plans to attend.

Organizing for the **1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation** is in full swing. **April 25, 1993** is the date. This is the first march on Washington to be explicitly inclusive of bis. Plan to participate.

There are all sorts of opportunities for bis to contribute **writing and visual work** to a variety of books and periodicals. Contact me for a list. There are too many for this newsletter. You don't have to be an experienced author. It's the thought that counts. That's why they have editors.

And speaking of writing, Alan Hamilton (president of ECBN) and I have co-authored some **new materials on sexual orientation and bisexuality**. Samples are enclosed. We'd like your feedback about content and readability so we can make the brochures as reader friendly as possible.

A friendly Princeton University librarian provided ECBN with the bi bibliography for '91 and says he'll update it periodically. Of the books he lists, my library has Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out, Closer to Home: Bisexuality and Feminism, and The Other Side of the Closet as well as newsletters from the Boston and Seattle bi women's groups.

And now, a word to all of you travelers: The 9th International Directory of Bisexual Groups will be out in Oct. Copies can be ordered from ECBN for \$5.

Speaking of resources...There are several bi or bi-inclusive electronic bulletin boards (email.) There is also a list of people who specifically identify themselves as wanting to chat about bi issues. If you want contact information, let me know. ECBN's president is a computer professional & is in touch with bis all over the world by email.

Page is full. Bye bis for now,

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