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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTE

The national tour of The Names Project quilt is currently underway. The only New England appearance will be in Boston from June 16-19. The quilt will be on display from 6am to 11pm at the Park Plaza Castle and Exposition Center in Park Square at Columbus Ave. and Arlington St. Opening ceremonies will be held on Thursday evening June 16; and the addition of new panels from the New England area will be on Saturday, June 18.

You may have read about the quilt, or seen it at the March On Washington last October. It is truly a moving experience, and an extraordinary memorial to those loved ones who have died of AIDS. National Names Project director Cleve Jones calls the quilt "a statement of hope and remembrance, a symbol of national unity, and a promise of love." It is indeed a must see event.

New England now has a chapter of The Names Project. It's goal is to add hundreds of panels to the national quilt before and during its arrival in Boston the weekend of June 18. For help with this huge task, we're turning first to the lesbian and gay community. Not only has our community borne the brunt of AIDS in America, but we have also shown courage, strength and generosity in teaching the country how to deal with this epidemic.

There's plenty to do. Can you host a panel-making bee? Address a hundred envelopes? Publicize the project in your town? Raise money? Give money? We need people throughout the region to do these and other jobs. Please contact Names Project/New England, P.O.Box 1798, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130, telephone: 617-451-9003.

We also need to reach the friends, lovers and families of New Englanders who have died of AIDS. If you've lost someone to AIDS, please think about creating a panel in their memory. Details on creating a panel are stated further in this newsletter.

All proceeds from the showing of the quilt will remain in the host cities. In other words, all money raised locally, will stay locally with the direct AIDS service organizations in each area. However, the national tour is in need of funds to continue its tour from city to city. It is costing about \$42.00 per mile for the basic national tour expenses. After Boston, it is hoped that the quilt will continue on to New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Portland Oregon. It started April 7th from Los Angeles and has been touring the southern states so far. Please send whatever you can afford to: The Names Project Quilt, #51808, P.O.Box 60000, San Francisco, California 94160-1808. PLEASE HELP NOW.

If you are interested in starting a bus tour group to Boston to see the quilt, or are interested in joining a bus tour group, please contact the Aids Project at 774-6877 with such information.

Please plan to see the Names Project quilt in Boston in June. You will not regret it, and you will certainly not forget it.

STATISTICS

As of March 28, 1988, there have been 76 diagnosed cases of AIDS in Maine. Of the total 76 cases, 36 have died. People who have tested positive with the AIDS virus (in Maine) is now at 271. National Data as of April 18, 1988: diagnosed cases of AIDS 59,491. Deaths 33,280.

ON YOUR MARK.

GET SET.

SEW.

CREATING A PANEL

You may want to create your own individual panel as a memorial to the person you loved. You may also want—and we enthusiastically recommend it—to follow the folk tradition of quilting bees by involving friends, families, and co-workers in the design and creation of your panel(s).

You don't need to be an artist to create a moving tribute. From spray paint on a sheet to elaborate embroidery, choose the method that appeals to you. Any commemorative panel that follows these guidelines is appropriate:

1. Select a durable and lightweight fabric of any color for the background. Cut and hem a piece measuring 3 feet by 6 feet (we will hem it for you if you leave 3" of extra fabric on each side).

2. Design letters commemorating the person's name and other important information (for example, dates of birth and death, or a poem). Sew, glue, embroider, stencil or paint the letters onto the fabric. Any combination of methods and materials is fine, as long as the letters are securely fastened.

3. If you want to add other elements to the panel—pictures, for example, or small objects—the same rule applies: make sure they're fastened securely to the fabric.

4. When you have finished, take time to write a one- or two-page description of the person you have commemorated. Tell us what this person meant to you, how he or she should be remembered. If you have a photograph of the person—one

that you can part with—enclose it (but note that we cannot be responsible for returning photographs or other mementos).

5. Please enclose a contribution with your panel to help us cover organizational and other costs. Wrap the panel securely and mail it to:

Names Project/New England
P.O. Box 1798
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Questions? Write or call us at (617) 451-9003.

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All panels must be at the Names Project/New England no later than June 1, 1988.

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WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?
c 1987 D.M. Blessing

Where do I go...
From here...
Which way...
To turn...
What lies ahead...
For me...
What did I learn?

Through tears...
I'll plan...
My way...
In light of day...
At night...
I'll feel my fears...
Will they go...
Anyway?

How much time...
Is left for me...
Will I live...
Or die...
I need to be...
Re-assured...
I want to know...
Why?

Where do I go...
From here...
Just...how...to be...
What does the future hold?
If...
I could only see.

Will I walk in snow...
Next year...
Will I feel...
April's rain...
The summer's warmth...
Sounds good to me...
Must I feel...
This pain?

With joy...
I'll walk my way...
For tomorrow's near...
But...
For today...
Where do I go from here...
help me through...
This day.

AIDS Prevention and Service Projects

THE
ROBERT WOOD
JOHNSON
FOUNDATION

College Road
Post Office Box 2316
Princeton, NJ 08543-2316

Purpose

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces the availability of grant support for creative projects to prevent the spread of AIDS and/or to improve services for people with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. No predetermined limit has been placed on the number of grants to be awarded or on the size of individual grants; however, all applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts in AIDS prevention and health services delivery. Only the proposals that are most meritorious and best meet the guidelines outlined herein will be considered for funding.

Prevention projects

In the prevention area, priority will be given to projects that:

- represent innovative approaches in their communities and may serve as models for programs in other locales;
- target the populations at greatest risk for transmitting or becoming infected by the virus;
- are likely to be effective because the proposed intervention has been successful with other populations at risk or has been successful in addressing a different health problem in the target population;
- provide both prevention information and access to the services and emotional support that people at risk may require in order to act on the preventive information;
- are operated by community groups, agencies, or other organizations with a strong record of experience in working with the population and community to be served by the project; and
- include measures to document the project's development and effectiveness.

Service projects

In the service area, priority will be given to projects that:

- represent innovative approaches to serving the health and related needs of people with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses and may serve as models for programs in other locales;
- include establishment of relationships and service linkages with other agencies and institutions already caring for people with AIDS in the community;

- are operated by agencies, institutions, and organizations with a strong record of experience in working with the population to be served by the project;
- present a convincing plan for securing long-term support following the conclusion of the grant; and
- include measures to document the project's development and effectiveness.

Projects that combine prevention and service components also will be considered.

Background

As of early 1988, more than 50,000 AIDS cases have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control. This is consistent with federal projections, which estimate a cumulative total of 270,000 cases nationally by the end of 1991. No cure or vaccine is expected to become generally available before the end of the century, suggesting that the number of cases will continue to increase well beyond 1991. The growth in number of cases is accompanied by a shift in the focus of the epidemic from a few major metropolitan areas to communities large and small nationwide. Moreover, the pattern of the disease is changing: AIDS is having a disproportionate impact on black and Hispanic Americans; the epidemic includes a growing number of pediatric cases; and there is increasing concern about the potential impact of AIDS on adolescents.

In the absence of a vaccine or cure, preventive programs designed to discourage high-risk behavior constitute the primary defense against the further spread of the virus. In addition, in view of the projected increase in the number of AIDS cases that will occur despite potential improvements in prevention efforts, communities must continue to strengthen their capacity to provide the services needed by people with AIDS.

Because of the overwhelming importance of the AIDS epidemic to our nation and our health care system, the Foundation has included AIDS among those program areas receiving emphasis. The Foundation already has made a substantial commitment to helping the nation respond to the AIDS epidemic, a commitment that totals more than \$20 million as of early 1988. The largest of the Foundation's efforts to date is the \$17.2 million AIDS Health Services Program, which funds

CONDOMS ARE EFFECTIVE!

projects in 11 cities nationwide to establish community-based systems of care. However, significant unmet needs remain both in AIDS prevention and in the delivery of appropriate health and health-related services to people with AIDS. At this time, the Foundation will consider proposals for community-based initiatives to help address both those needs.

Eligibility

Applications for AIDS prevention and service projects will be considered from community groups, organizations, or agencies that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Government agencies also are eligible. Private foundations, as defined under Section 509(a), are not eligible.

Use of grant funds

Grant funds may be used for staff salaries, office operations, and other direct expenses essential to the project.

In accord with existing Foundation policy, grant funds may *not* be used to construct new facilities or to renovate or alter existing facilities, to substitute for funds that are available to support similar services, to reduce ongoing deficits from pre-existing operations, or to substitute for third-party reimbursements. Foundation policy also precludes support for ongoing general operating expenses, endowment, basic biomedical research, international activities or programs and institutions in other countries, and direct support to individuals.

Project directors will be required to provide progress reports, to meet Foundation requirements for regular financial and program reporting, and to submit a final written report.

Application procedures

There are no formal grant application forms and no prescribed format for applications. However, applicants are encouraged to restrict the length of their proposals to 15 doublespaced pages or less, not including relevant appendices or supporting documents. Ten copies of the proposal should be provided.

Applicants should state the elements and goals of the proposed project as briefly and concisely as possible, including descriptions of: the unmet need or problem in the community; existing and anticipated resources; the proposed project or intervention; reasons a particular intervention was selected; expected outcomes; and plans for post-grant financial support. A preliminary budget with justification and letters of support should be included as appendices. The proposal also should be accompanied by documentation of the applicant institution's tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. Questions concerning proposal preparation should be directed to: Paul S. Jellinek, PhD, Senior Program Officer. Proposals should be addressed to:

Proposal Manager
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
College Road and U.S. Route 1
P.O. Box 2316
Princeton, New Jersey 08543-2316
609/452-8710

Timetable

Proposals must be received at the Foundation no later than July 1, 1988. Grants will be announced in December 1988.

This brochure also may be obtained in Spanish, by writing to the above address.

STATISTICS

As of May 5, 1988, there have been 78 diagnosed cases of AIDS in Maine. Of the total 78 cases, 36 have died. People who have tested positive with the AIDS virus (in Maine) is now at 297. National Data as of May 25, 1988: diagnosed cases of AIDS 62,740. Deaths 35,188.

CORRECTION

The California address for The Names Project Quilt was listed incorrectly in last month's newsletter. It should read as; P.O.Box 14573, San Francisco, California 94114. Please forward all donations to this address.

SAFER SEX

CAN BE SENSUOUS!

**No one can ignore
AIDS.**

**The invisible time
bomb**

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**Heterosexuals who still
view the growing
epidemic as a distant
tragedy, the medical
equivalent of a typhoon
in Bangladesh, had
better change their
attitudes—and fast.**

Maine Health Foundation

by Bert LeClair

On Monday, May 9, 1988 the Maine Health Foundation Held it's monthly meeting, with first and foremost on the agenda being discussed was the PWA support fund with the AIDS Project of Portland. Having been notified that the fund was short on finances, threatening services, the Maine Health Foundation, Visual AIDS Committee and the AIDS Project held an initial meeting to try and solve this dilemma, so that PWA's would not suffer cutbacks in services. The Visual AIDS Committee and the Maine Health Foundation have agreed to donate \$2,000.00 each to the PWA support fund to assist it thru the present budget crunch. This pledge should continue support continue support services thru July. In the meantime, longterm planning will be undertaken by the AIDS Project and the Maine Health Foundation to find a more permanent solution. Any PWA throughout Maine in need of financial assistance and or services can contact the AIDS Project at 774-6877.

Other projects funded by the Maine Health Foundation at this meeting included:


- 1.) \$500.00 to a PWA to assist with vehicle repair to provide transportation for treatment due to residing in a rural area.
- 2.) \$4,132.73 to the AIDS Project of Portland for a personal computer, printer and accompanying equipment, \$3,000.00 of which was donated to the Maine Health Foundation by Citibank of Portland.
- 3.) \$2,500.00 to the Eastern Maine AIDS Network in Bangor to purchase a Tancy 1000 TX computer system.
- 4.) \$1,300.00 to re-imburse 6 PWA's for registration and food expenses incurred, to attend "Love Yourself, Heal Your Life" workshop in Boston conducted by Louise Hay and Dr. Bernie Siegel.
- 5.) \$3,500.00 to the Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services in Brunswick, Maine for statewide AIDS education and provide continual Buddies training.

The board members of the Maine Health Foundation wish to express their gratitude to all of it's supporters for it's continued support. Without your support and attendance at various fund raisers the above mentioned projects would not be possible. We've had a very successful previous year, meeting all of our goals and look forward to an even more successful future. As the AIDS population increases so does the need for funds. Please continue to be generous with your contributions and support. Our brothers and sisters need you.

NEWS FROM THE PWA COALITION OF MAINE

Underground Benefit by Bert LeClair

On Sunday, May 8, 1988 the Underground Disco held an AIDS Benefit with proceeds going to the Maine Health Foundation and to the PWA Coalition of Maine. The show was a tremendous success with a great deal of local talent participating. On behalf of the PWA Coalition of Maine and the Maine Health Foundation I would like to give our sincere thankyou to Randy Scott of the Underground Disco and all participants in the show for their time, effort and support for people with AIDS in Maine. Due to such efforts, persons with AIDS in Maine find the quality of life for them enhanced over other individuals in other areas of the country. Unfortunately, as our numbers increase so must our efforts. The challenge continues. Once again, thankyou to the staff of the Underground Disco and members of the cast of Sundays benefit.



April 12, 1988

DIFFA ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS NATIONWIDE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- APRIL 12, 1988 -- DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS, announced the award of funds to 33 AIDS projects from coast to coast today. This brings to more than 90 the number of grants the Foundation has made in the past three year and a half years. DIFFA is the nation's only industry-based foundation exclusively dedicated to AIDS grantmaking. The DIFFA grants underwrite AIDS organizations providing direct patient services, research, housing, education and advocacy. To date more than \$1.2 million has been raised.

"These awards represent the largest number of grants made at one time since our inception," said George W. Slowik, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees of the Foundation. Slowik said that "our efforts to award dollars in a careful and conscientious manner, complement our goal of funding new and innovative solutions to the complex problems presented by AIDS."

The Chairman concluded by adding that "in addition to meeting our grant making goals, we're now moving full speed ahead to address the needs of our industry in the workplace by providing a variety of educational efforts."

DIFFA was established as the Design and Interior Furnishing Foundation in 1984 by leaders from the design, architecture and furnishings industries to fund AIDS groups throughout the nation. Recently, to reflect an expanded outreach to other design fields, DIFFA's trustees changed the group's name to the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS. DIFFA has broadened its base of support by attracting leading fashion, graphic, industrial, product and other design talent.

AIDS organizations receiving DIFFA awards and the purposes of the grants:

- National Association of People with AIDS, (NAPWA)--in cooperation with NAPWA, DIFFA funded a consortium of 20 agencies throughout the U.S. These coalitions are run by and for people with AIDS and provide essential direct support, including psychological, and other "hands on" services.

Dear Mr. LeClair:

As you may already know, in cooperation with the National Association of PWA's national office, DIFFA has committed to funding grants of \$1,000 each to twenty Coalitions across the United States. Working with NAPWA director Stephen Beck we have identified the groups, and I'm pleased to enclose check #IMLML344 for \$1,000 in fulfillment of that pledge to your organization..

By this grant DIFFA's board of trustees intends to encourage your good and important work, and hopefully incite others to support your fund raising goals and programs. This grant carries no restrictions and may be used as you deem most appropriate. Should you wish to make an application for additional funding, please check the box indicated on the enclosed return form. We will send you an application by return mail.

Please contact me should you have any questions at the telephone numbers above. We'd appreciate your returning the attached form, in care of the above address, just as soon as possible. We've also enclosed a copy of the news release announcing the grants and some background about the Foundation.

Cordially,


R. A. Radley

Mr. Bert LeClair

As the above letters state, the PWA Coalition of Maine has received a \$1,000 grant from DIFFA. The PWA population of Maine wishes to thank DIFFA and Stephen Beck of NAPWA for making this grant possible. After a meeting with the board of directors of the coalition, it was determined that the monies would become part of a support fund. Monies are now available for any PWA throughout Maine to assist and enhance their quality of life. Any PWA in Maine in need of assistance can contact the PWA Coalition of Maine at 775-1259.

COMMENTS

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions to help the Newsletter meet your needs. If you have an event in your area that you would like to have published in The Aids Project Newsletter, please contact us at The Aids Project - 774-6877 - or by mail to the attention of: David Ketchum.

**All any responsible
health advisor can say
is: Understand the
risks and make your
own decisions.**

SOMETHING'S WORKING: ONE MAN'S APPROACH TO HEALING AIDS
by Steven Fox

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The PWA Coalition Newsline takes pleasure in printing an exclusive excerpt from Steven Fox's book, Something's Working: One Man's Approach to Healing AIDS, published in October by Alyson Publications.)

Having deprived myself of the "fun" of adolescent dating and sexual conquests, I was determined to make up for it as an adult, to enjoy the social acceptance and exploration which, as a teenager, I was too timid and neurotic to permit myself. I frequented the bars and a few years later discovered the baths, finding to my surprise that I could act out the role of the aggressor with relative ease and was considered desirable by men who presented the physical image of youthful vitality and beauty I desperately longed for. I was fantasy-land, freedom-land, and adventure-land rolled up in one, and occasionally there was even a romantic interlude.

Caught up in the frantic search, I failed to recognize how lonely and frightened I was and that inwardly, though I yearned for intimacy, I was terrified of it. The romances I chanced upon never evolved into loving, honest, supportive relationships, a fact which increasingly perplexed and saddened me. Though I could not understand why, I did begin to notice that the young men I found most attractive were invariably the ones least available for one reason or another. Could it be, I wondered, that I was still carrying around the same guilt and sense of unworthiness that had made my teenage years so miserable?

Finally, after a few disastrous affairs and one painful attempt at a lasting relationship, I began to give up, to settle for the process of pursuit and momentary conquest, without expecting or even striving for an enduring relationship. After over ten years in the "gay scene", I seemed farther than ever from achieving a happy, healthy relationship. Despite a high degree of self-awareness and keen perception of the dilemmas I faced, I felt trapped. I seemed to be doomed to be alone.

And then I got sick, and nearly died, and everything changed. I could no longer afford the luxury of dwelling upon my dilemmas, of indulging my fears, for if I did not move beyond such thoughts to make some powerful choices and commitments, I would be dead.

Like other major illnesses, AIDS can become the occasion for personal transformation. To seize upon this opportunity requires an initial shift in viewpoint -- from regarding the disease as meaningless and a personal calamity, to seeing it as highly meaningful and a great personal challenge -- willingness, in other words, to look beyond the inevitable fears and frustrations aroused by the situation. For an individual like myself, the disease can become the occasion for re-examining values and priorities, for healing in the area of relationships. Surely the threat of AIDS has led gay people to place renewed emphasis upon developing secure, nurturing associations, while the plight of those afflicted has heightened a sense of community and elicited courageous caring in those who attend the ill. Although AIDS has evoked fear and loathing in certain segments of society, ultimately this epidemic may serve to reinforce an awareness of our relatedness, as member of the human family, and to remind us of the need to treat our planet, and ourselves, with respect to what is natural and balanced.

AIDS Report

THE NASW REPORT on "AIDS: Helping Families Cope," prepared for the National Institute of Mental Health, is available for \$5.95 (plus 10 percent postage/handling). The report details recommendations developed during a workshop at NASW's 1987 Annual Conference. To order: NASW Publications Sales, 7981 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 565-0333 or toll-free (800) 638-8799. (Orders under \$25 must be prepaid.)

A HUG CAN COME IN MANY FORMS:

TOTAL BODY CONTACT, A KIND WORD, A TOUCH, A THANK YOU, A "FORGIVE ME", A "CAN I HELP YOU", A "I'M SORRY", ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO MAKE A PERSON FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELF.

COMMENTS

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions to help the Newsletter meet your needs. If you have an event in your area that you would like to have published in The Aids Project Newsletter, please contact us at The Aids Project - 774-6877 - or by mail to the attention of: David Ketchum.

CALENDAR

- APR. 29- The Psychology of Illness and The Art of Healing - Bar Harbor, Me.
MAY 1 Call 594-2128 for further information.
- MAY 1 - At 2:00pm - A Mid-Day Sleep-In At The Duke's House (Gov. Michael Dukakis). Bring a sleeping bag to Brookline (Mass.) to protest the lack of hospital beds available and the lack of a long-term plan for PWA's. Sponsored by ACT-UP Boston. Call 617-49ACTUP for details.
- MAY 4 - VIDEO WORKS ON AIDS-BOSTON - Testing The Limits, AIDS In The Black Community, Los Ojos Que No Ven. On video, Black PWA's and AIDS activists share their experiences and insights. Women confront Cosmopolitan magazine, in an action to strike down its dangerous claims "that only brutal sexual activity" will lead to AIDS in women. Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston - 7pm.
- MAY 5 - CMLD Spring Council Meeting - The Question Of AIDS:Library Perspectives - Conference Room - Central Maine Power Co., - Augusta, Me. - 12:30pm-3:30pm - with Dr. Owen Pickus, Joni Foster, Gary Anderson, and A Person With AIDS.
- MAY 6-7- There will be a "Buddies" training program sponsored by the Merry-meeting AIDS Support System of Brunswick, Me. Contact The Aids Project at 774-6877 for further details.
- MAY 10 - Boston Area Women's AIDS Network - Roxbury Community College - 7-9:30pm - Organizational meeting for women educators, service providers, activists, community organizers, or anyone concerned with issues about women and AIDS. - For more information, call AIDS Action Committee at 617-437-6200 x216.
- MAY 16 - AIDS, Chemical Dependency, Mental Health & The Law - A conference to be held at The Park Plaza Hotel - Boston, Mass. Sponsored by ARC Research Foundation, Warner & Stackpole, and The George Washington University Medical Center.
- MAY20-21-There will be a "Buddies" training program sponsored by the Merry-meeting AIDS Support System of Brunswick, Me. Contact The Aids Project at 774-6877 for further details.
- MAY20-21-Getting Well, Staying Healthy - A Wholistic Therapies Conference for Individuals Concerned about AIDS and ARC Related Illnesses - Arlington Street Church, 331 Boylston Street, Boston - and Quincy School, 885 Washington Street, Boston. Call 617-348-1025 for more information.
- JUN. 11- AIDS IN PRISON - A look beyond the walls - Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street 4th Floor, Boston - 9am-3pm - \$10.00 fee - bring a Bag Lunch - sponsored by City Mission Society - call 617-742-6830.
- JUN12-16-Fourth International Conference On AIDS - Stockholm, Sweden. Contact Stockholm Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 6911, S-10239 Stockholm Sweden.
- JUN20-26-The Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum - Boston. Contact NLGHF/AAPHR Programming Committee, P.O. Box 65472, Washington, D.C. 20035, or call Michael Weeks 202-797-3708 or Greg Thomas 202-994-4285.
- JUL15-16-AIDS/ARC UPDATE 88 - San Francisco Civic Auditorium - San Francisco California. Call The Aids Project 774-6877 for details.

ONGOING CALENDAR

The PWA Coalition of Maine will meet the first and third Monday of every month at 1:00pm at 25 Parris Street, Portland. Call 775-1259 for further information.

Every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12noon at The Aids Project - 48 Deering Street Portland - there is a group meeting for all PWA's, PWArc, caregivers, and family members, to share your thoughts and feelings relative to AIDS. The meeting is conducted by Jacob Watson, M.A. Jacob is a psychotherapist specializing in loss and transition and is a staff member of the Elizabeth Kubler-Ross Center.

Every Tuesday evening 7:00pm to 8:30pm at 29 Cushman St. - Portland - there is a group meeting for all lovers, caregivers, friends, and family members only. The meeting will be conducted by Brooke Alexander, an Episcopal priest and pastoral counselor. Call Brooke at 772-1678 for further details.

ACT UP - Boston. 30,000 plus are dead from AIDS - haven't you been silent long enough? Join ACT UP - Aids Coalition To Unleash Power - United in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Boston. Call 617-49ACTUP.

On the first Tuesday of every month at The Aids Project - 48 Deering ST., Portland - there is an A-Line Staff Meeting at 6:00pm.

Support Group for Parents of Adult Gay Children will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Please call 774-HELP for time and place.

DEAN (Downeast AIDS Network) educational and business meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers at 7:30pm. DEAN now has a newsletter and a support group for PWA's, HIV+, family members, and lovers. Call Tracy or Lynnsey at 326-8546 for more information.

Support Group for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Pilgrim House - 9 Cleaveland St. - Brunswick, Me. - call 729-9843 for further information.

There is a new AIDS support group forming in the Lewiston area for PWA's, lovers, friends, and family members. It will meet on Thursday afternoons at Clover Hospice in Auburn, beginning April 21st. Call Evelyn Piper-Keene at 783-9095 for information.

There is now an AIDS support group in the Bangor area meeting every Thursday evening. Anyone interested in the group should call 469-7343 or write EMAN P.O., Box 2038, Bangor, Maine 04401.

Every Friday evening 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Aids Project - 48 Deering St. - Portland - there is a support group meeting for PWA's and PWArc ONLY. Call 774-6877 for further information.

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