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COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE

Once again, its National Coming Out Day (the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights) -- time to push the boundaries of our respective closets just a little farther out.

We'll be helped to understand this important day -- October 11 to be exact -- by Diane Elze, president of the Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA), who will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the Damn Yankee on the second floor of the Memorial Union at the University of Maine (that's in Orono). The event is free -- and Diane is an incredibly powerful speaker.

GLCN is sponsoring a 'dutch treat' get-together at the Bears' Den in the Memorial Union downstairs from the Damn Yankee. Be there for fun and food and frolic at 6:30 p.m. Or don't be there -- but do come out to hear Diane.

SO, GERTRUDE, WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS LAVENDER RIBBON (enclosed with your Networker)? WELL, ALICE, WE WEAR IT OR TIE IT ON THE CAR ANTENNA OR PUT IT SOMEWHERE THAT GOOD PEOPLE CAN SEE IT. Its one way to share National Coming Out Day.

(Note: the panel discussion sponsored by GLCN has been cancelled so that we can all enjoy Diane Elze's talk).

AIDS WALK ON OCTOBER 7

Bangor and Ellsworth each will be hosting locations for MAINE AIDS WALK '90, a pledge walk for AIDS service organizations. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. on October 7. Bangor walk begins at Cascade Park and Ellsworth walkers will meet at City Hall. Pledge sheets can be obtained by calling 990-3626 (Bangor) or 667-3506 (Ellsworth). Walkers are needed, as well as helpers along the route.

Also, please note the AIDS Benefit at the Riverfront Lounge on October 14, 8:30 p.m.

IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING

why you're receiving this edition of THE NETWORKER, maybe its because you kindly sent your \$5 subscription (some of you sent even more). THANK YOU.

For those who have failed to respond to our appeal, the label on your envelope has a red mark!!!! We know who you are. THIS ABSOLUTELY IS YOUR LAST COPY OF THE NETWORKER unless you send us \$5 with the enclosed form. Send to GLCN, P.O. Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401. WE REALLY MEAN IT THIS TIME!!!!!!

Now, we are being hard-nosed about this -- out of necessity. We simply can't afford the expenses of printing and mailing without help.

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But we recognize that there are some in our community who simply can't spare \$5 because they can't buy basic food and shelter now. So, send us a note if you can't pay, and we'll keep you on our list of good guys and gals (and if you can send even a quarter or a \$1, that would be just fine).

SEEKING OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, TOO

And its not just your money we want -- we want your talents, too. So how about writing a piece for this rag, a book review maybe, or just a letter, draw a cartoon OR design us a logo (see the following story). Please send your contributions to GLCN, PO Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401.

AND SPEAKING OF CONTRIBUTIONS: A DRAWING

by Jenny C.

Some time ago, we discussed the need for a logo, but it got put on the backburner probably through a lack of belief that any of us had the ability to "draw a straight line." (ed. note: who needs straight lines?) Anyway, for some time I have been thinking of the letters GLCN and shuffling them around in my mind, cursing their seemingly visual incompatibility. Eventually I came up with this idea for you all to think about.

The G and L are joined in a continuous line and neither is bigger, nor smaller than the other. Although, upon reflection, I suppose it depends on each individual's point of view. I hope this doesn't upset any of those among us who might have separatist leanings. I thought a great deal about this and came to the conclusion that if we cannot learn to understand and support each other, how can we expect, at the very least, tolerance and lack of prejudice from the world outside our family. The line continues through both Gay and Lesbian to make the encircling community which is larger than either of them. This, in turn, continues on to make the Network, crossing and connecting all of us. The design can be put inside a triangle or a circle when the occasion demands.

Please let us know how you feel about this logo. Maybe someone can come up with some other ideas. Let us hear from you!!!



A GAY TEENAGER NEEDS OTHER GAY YOUTH

by Ryan

I am writing on behalf of gay teenagers. I feel we need a group to support us and just to be around some other gay people our own ages.

Gays of all ages know it can be hard being gay. Being gay in school is as hard as learning to walk or riding a bike! Some of you older gay/lesbian people should know what I am talking about.

We want people to talk to, to get to know, and help us feel good about ourselves. All we want is to like ourselves and feel happy about ourselves.

If you are a teenager (especially between 16 and 18) and want someone around your own age to talk to, please feel free to contact me by writing to: Ryan, c/o GLCN, PO Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401

TIME FOR THE BRUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. there will be another in the series of monthly lesbian brunches -- the usual good food, great conversation and women to die for (not necessarily in that order). If you're interested in this once-in-a-month opportunity, please call Robin or Janet at 862-5907 for location and other important details. PLEASE NOTE: this brunch will not be held at the Peace & Justice Center. The plan is to move about to various private homes, or at least the plan for now.

NETWORKER CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for clean, neat, quiet roommate to share 3-bedroom house in Hermon, \$75/week; all utilities included. Call evenings, ask for Larry, 848-5977.

For Sale: '84 Mobile Home, 14 x 70, 2 bedroom 2 bath, garden tub, banana bar center kitchen, pantry, appliances, shingled roof, skirting. Must sell, must be moved, \$19,700 or best offer. 525-4467.

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THE COMMUNITY'S CALENDAR

- Sun. Oct. 7: Pledge Walk for AIDS Service Organizations. (see story page 1).
- Wed. Oct. 10: GLCN Support Group 7:30pm Peace and Justice Center 9 Central Street Bangor.
- Thurs. Oct 11: National Coming Out Day. Diane Elze MLGPA speaking at the Damn Yankee Memorial Union Bld. UMO. 7:30pm (story on page 1).
- Sun. Oct 14: AIDS Benefit Auction. Riverfront Lounge 193 Broad St. Bangor. 8:30 pm
- Wed. Oct. 17 GLCN Political/Education Task Force meeting. Film "What If I'am Gay" will be shown. Discussion afterward. 7:30pm Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor.
- Sat. Oct. 20: Diana Hansen and Pixie Lauer Concert (they performed at the 1990 Charlie Howard rally). 7:30 pm at the Blue Hill Town Hall, Blue Hill, Maine. Group from Bangor gathering to have dinner before concert. Call 862-5907 for more information.
- Sun. Oct 21: Lesbian Brunch 12noon-2:30pm. Call 862-5907 for more information.
- Wed. Oct. 24: GLCN General Meeting 7:30pm Peace and Justice Center 9 Central Street, Bangor.
- Sat. Oct. 27: Halloween Party. Costumes, Prizes Riverfront Lounge, 193 Broad St. Bangor.
- Wed. Oct. 31 Halloween Party. Costumes, Prizes. Riverfront Lounge 193 Broad St. Bangor
- Wed. Nov. 7: GLCN Newsletter Folding, Stamping etc. gathering. Peace and Justice Center. 9 Central St. 7:30pm Bangor

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