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INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS TABULATED

During September and October, a survey was distributed at several Lambda functions, and copies were sent to NLN members to determine several things: their satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the group to find out what they'd like to see NLN offer for activities looking for more locations to hold events and the topic of a central community center for this area. Fifty precent of the surveys were returned. Ray and Roger M. spent several hours sorting through the surveys and compiling the results.

Here's what you said:

1. OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD
41% were very satisfied 59% said things were generally OK

2. THINGS I'D LIKE TO SEE NLN OFFER
17% asked for game events (bingo, scattergories, volleyball, etc)
16% wanted weekend get-away trips - destinations suggested included Québec City, Fredericton, Bangor, Portland, and the Maine coast
16% wanted films
14% wanted more house parties
13% would like discussion groups - suggested topics: gay spirituality, living with the threat of AIDS, living a single lifestyle
12% asked for pot luck meals
7% wanted the agenda of meetings published in the newsletter

3. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HOST A GETHERING (monthly Sunday meeting, a party, a discussion group...)
47% said yes 38% said no 15% had no response

4. WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL LOCATION, A "COMMUNITY CENTER" FOR THE LESBIAN-GAY-BISEXUAL COMMUNITY?
95% answered yes 6% said no

5. IF THERE WERE A CENTRAL LOCATION WOULD YOU...
   A. ...attend events more frequently?
      Yes - 79% No - 21%
   B. ...feel more comfortable attending NLN-hosted/sponsored events?
      Yes - 82% No - 18%
   C. ...think "first-timers" would be more open to attending?
      Yes - 91% No - 9%

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6 A. IN WHAT TOWN DO YOU LIVE?

Northern Aroostook County & Madawaska County:
Fort Kent/Madawaska/Edmundston/Grand Falls/Van Buren - 12%

Central Aroostook County & Victoria County:
Caribou/Presque Isle/Fort Fairfield/Perth-Andover - 67%

Southern Aroostook County & Carleton County:
Houlton/Woodstock/Fredericton - 21%

6 B. IF THE CENTRAL LOCATION WERE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOWNS, WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER...

...in the summertime?

FIRST CHOICE
Caribou - 57%
Presque Isle - 21%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 7%
Madawaska/Edmundston - 7%
New Sweden - 4%

SECOND CHOICE
Presque Isle - 63%
Grand Falls - 16%
Caribou - 11%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 5%
Fort Fairfield - 5%

THIRD CHOICE
Fort Fairfield - 37%
Houlton - 20%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 16%
Grand Falls - 11%
Madawaska/Edmundston - 11%
Caribou - 5%

...in the wintertime?

FIRST CHOICE
Caribou - 59%
Presque Isle - 15%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 7%
Madawaska/Edmundston - 7%
Houlton - 7%
Fort Fairfield - 5%

SECOND CHOICE
Presque Isle - 66%
Grand Falls - 19%
Caribou - 5%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 5%
Fort Fairfield - 5%

THIRD CHOICE
Fort Fairfield - 48%
Madawaska/Edmundston - 20%
Caribou - 17%
Grand Falls - 5%
Van Buren/St-Léonard - 5%
New Sweden - 5%

7. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY CENTER, WE WOULD NEED MONEY.

HOW SHOULD THAT MONEY BE RAISED?

Apply for grants ............................ 29%
Special fundraising events ................. 21
Get pledges from individuals ............. 17

Increase membership dues ................ 14%
Bottle drives .................................. 11
Bake sales/car washes, etc.............. 8 ▼

GAY-LESBIAN AA MEETS SUNDAYS AT 7PM

This area's only lesbian-gay-bisexual AA group meets every Sunday in Madawaska at 7pm (Maine time). It's a bilingual group, and anyone who thinks they may have a drug or alcohol problem is encouraged to attend. Only first names are used. Call the Phoneline (207-498.2088) to contact AA. ▼
# NLN's END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a statement of finances of Northern Lambda Nord as of the end of our fiscal year, September 30, 1990:

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## THREE NEW EVENTS ON NLN CALENDAR

At the October meeting, some new activities were scheduled:

**GAME NIGHT** - an evening of fun with backgammon, Scattergories, cribbage, Trivial Pursuit, cards, dominos, and more, Saturday, November 10.

**MOVIES** - You'll have a choice from 3 (Dr. Zhivago, Madame Sousatzka, or Dinner at Eight) Sunday, November 11.

**POT LUCK MEALS** - The first Saturday of each month, starting in December.

*Complete details in members' calendar*
THE SAFER THE SEX, THE BETTER
CONSIDERED SAFE:
Mutual masturbation, Hugging/body rubbing, Massage, Social (dry) kissing,
Fantasy, Light S/M (without bleeding or bruising),
Sex toys (when used only on yourself)
CONSIDERED POSSIBLY SAFE:
Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom, French (wet) kissing, Sucking
(but stopping before climax), Watersports (external only), Cunnilingus
CONSIDERED UNSAFE:
Swallowed semen, Anal or vaginal intercourse without a condom,
Watersports in mouth or on skin with sores or cuts, Sharing IV needles,
Fisting or rimming, Sharing enema equipment, douching
equipment, or sex toys

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