

Communiqué

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In This
Mailing,
members will
find:

✓ a ballot to
vote for
Steering
Committee
members (if
you didn't
vote at the
Halloween
party); please
mail it back
today!

✓ your new
membership
card
(members
9110 and
above)

✓ NLN
events
calendar

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 percent 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 ▼

NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA

X Review of 45 minutes from October meeting

X Reports from: treasurer, library, and the ☎ phoneline

X Results of balloting for new Steering Committee

X Discuss and act upon survey results

X Events calendar

X Other business ▼

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:

INCOME - U.S. funds

Advertisements	\$ 96.00
Memberships	495.50
Subscriptions	20.00
Donations, general	799.00
Funds exchanged (Cdn to US)	378.16
Funds returned	48.00
Grants	850.00
Interest, Money Market account	244.90
Dividend, draft account	11.85
Miscellaneous	30.00
TOTAL INCOME - U.S. funds	\$2973.41

EXPENSES - U.S. funds

Advertisements	\$ 176.60
Fundraising activities	370.09
Cost of goods donated	67.29
Grants	900.00
Bank charges	64.63
Depreciation	1555.24
Office supplies	232.80
Newsletter production	201.78
Postage	453.50
Rentals	150.00
Telephone	491.59
Repair of equipment	109.46
Conferences	1538.39
Symposium XVI expenses	447.17
Miscellaneous	30.00
TOTAL EXPENSES - U.S. funds	\$6788.54

NET INCOME (LOSS) (\$3815.13)

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 93.00
Money Market account	3040.04
Draft account	45.88
Phoneline grant from Haymarket	812.54
Members' Help Fund	491.00
NLN Library	1305.99
Paul Groves Library	3000.00
Office Equipment	978.16
Telephone Equipment	25.14
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9791.75

LIABILITIES

Total liabilities	\$ 0.00
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EQUITY

Prior capital	\$13,606.88
Year to date profit (loss) ...	(3,815.13)
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 9791.75

TOTAL LIABILITIES &

EQUITY \$ 9791.75

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

AIDS

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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Gay/Lesbian G•U•I•D•E Lesbienne/Gai

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD (NLN), CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736 USA. Gay-Lesbian PhoneLine/Télégai - 207.498-2088

AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call NLN PhoneLine, 207.498-2088 to contact. **AM CHOFIS** Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; 207.871-1014 (Bob)

DOWNEAST LESBIAN GAY ORGANIZATION (DELGO), Unitarian Church, 126 Union Street, Bangor 04401, 942-6503

DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104

GAIS & LESBIENNES DE MONCTON/ GAYS & LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM) CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0, 506.858-1013

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, Portland 04102, 207.780-4085

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 862-5907/866-7958

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP Portland, 780-4085/772-4741

GROUPE GAIE DE L'UNIVERSITE LAVAL (GGUL) CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité Universitaire, Sainte-Foy, Québec G1K 7P4, 418.648-2751

HARBOR MASTERS, INC. leather-levi group, POB 4044, Portland 04104

INTEGRITY Episcopalian group, St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union Street, Hallowell 04347, 623-3041/845-2985

LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04102

MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 1792, Portland 04104, 874-6596 (leave message)

MAINE LESBIAN-GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE POB 232, Hallowell 04347

NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM/LA COALITION POUR LA REFORME DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK POB/CP 1556, Station/Succursale A, Fredericton E3B 5G2

OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine, published monthly, 9 Deering Street, POB 10744, Portland 04104, 761-0733

OUTRIGHT: Portland Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth, age 22 and under, POB 5028, Station A, Portland 04102, 774-HELP/774-TALK

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS (P-FLAG), POB 2080, Great Island, Brunswick 04011, 725-4769/729-0519/623-2349

PWA (People With AIDS) COALITION OF MAINE 377 Cumberland Avenue, Portland 04101, 773-8500

WILDE-STEIN CLUB Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04469