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BUILDING FUNDRAISING EFFORTS GROW

At Northern Lambda Nord's December 16th meeting, an official building fund was established. The first goal is to raise enough money to rent a meeting and party space for NLN's activities; the initial goal is $10,000 U.S. The fund's ultimate aim is to purchase a space which will house the lending library, phoneline, office, and be a regional community center where the regular monthly meetings and parties will be held. Those members who want to host gatherings but cannot now because of lack of space in their homes would be able to host an event at the community center. It would also be a regular drop-in place for people new to the area or just passing through.

When the fund was established in December, it was voted to earmark 25% of all donations collected at functions to the Building Fund. Membership at the January 20th meeting adopted three additional fundraising methods:

- **RAFFLE** - Lambda will purchase an item to be raffled off over the next few months.

- **PLEDGES** - Pledge forms will be sent out soliciting donations to the fund, pledged monthly, several times a year, or in a lump sum.

- **BOTTLE & CAN DEPOSITS** - Everyone is requested to save soda, juice, beer, and liquor bottles and cans which have a Maine refund, and donate the deposit to the Building Fund. If you don't want to bring them back to the redemption center, some members have volunteered to pick them up from your home.

The $27.40 collected so far is from donations collected at the New Year's Eve party ($18.40), and the refunded deposits from all the beverage containers from that party ($9). Discussion of more fundraising is on the agenda of the February meeting.

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**CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS**

**GAY SIBLINGS ANTHOLOGY**

Seeking manuscripts especially in the form of narratives or interviews telling significant, humorous, tragic or poignant stories of lesbians and gay men with their siblings. Non-fiction essays of all types will be considered. SASE. Deadline is July 1, 1991.

*Don & Molly Martin*

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WERE YOU AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY?
Did you leave a pair of WHITE SHOES there? PLEASE call Dick or Phil or the Phoneline so your shoes can be returned!

WORLD NEWS
LECH WALESA TO RID POLAND OF GAY PEOPLE
Solidarity leader and newly-elected president of Poland has promised to eliminate homosexuals and drug users from Polish society. According to Polish activists at the International Gay and Lesbian Association's 12th World Conference in Stockholm, Walesa made the remarks at a Solidarity convention in April. "The actual word was 'eliminate,'" said Ryszard Kisiel, editor of Poland's gay FILO magazine. "He wants to eliminate 'marginalized elements,' which he said include homosexuals and drug addicts."

REACTION TO WALESA IN SAN FRANCISCO
In response to Lech Walesa's remarks, openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt has called for the renaming of that city's Lech Walesa Street. At a Board of Supervisors meeting, Britt declared his support of the suggestion to rename the street. Also known as Ivy Street, Lech Walesa Street is the site of the Tom Waddell Clinic. The clinic, named after the gay Olympic athlete who died of AIDS in 1987, provides health care to poor people and homeless people.

WALESA STREET IS 'RENAMED'
The San Francisco chapter of the new gay activist group Queer Nation attempted to tear down the street sign marking Lech Walesa Street, but were stopped by police at an August 3rd demonstration. Queer Nation's Ray Russ proclaimed, "Let it be resolved that from this point on this street shall be known as Kowalski-Thompson Street in honor of our two lesbian sisters who fought for over six years to repudiate the idea that love is exclusively for heterosexuals."

THE POLISH EMBASSY RESPONSE
A statement has been issued by the Polish embassy in Washington, D.C. which categorically denies reports that Lech Walesa promised to eliminate homosexuals and drug users from Polish society.

HISTORIC SOVIET CONFERENCE HELD
Eastern European lesbian and gay activists made history in late May, 1990, as they hosted the Soviet Union's first-ever gay and lesbian conference in Estonia. About 150 people attended the event, sponsored by Estonian historians Teet Veispak and Lillian Kotter, and by Reporter, a lesbian and gay newspaper in Stockholm, Sweden. Speakers at the conference delivered papers on a variety of topics, including the changing circumstances of Estonian lesbians, who face increased pressure to stay in traditional homes during the struggle for independence from the USSR, and a history of police infiltration of gay and lesbian organizations in the 1970s and 1980s. Reports noted that public response to the event was largely positive, except for one incident in which an Estonian TV news anchor introduced a taped report on the gathering by saying, "And now to the perversities." Conference participants sent a letter of protest to the TV station. Organizers plan to make this conference a yearly event.

TEACHERS
Newly-formed support/social group for Gay and Lesbian teachers in Maine. Want more info? Call Dianne 207.223-5156.

SO THEY SAY
Homosexuals, lesbians [are] disgusting people. - Sen. Jesse Helms

NEWS & FEATURES in this issue were from: BLK, The National Black Lesbian and Gay Newsmagazine (Los Angeles), RG (Montréal), and Gay Community News (Boston).
Lovedove
All of my life I have dreamed of a relationship like ours.
First we had

1 second then
1 minute then
1 hour then
1 day then
1 week then
1 month and now
1 year - our first on Feb 3, 1991.
We've made it through all the firsts, and we're still in love! Thank you for the first year of my new life. It has been the most wonderful year!
I love and cherish you with all of my heart.
I love you!
Sweetheart
Sex kitten
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