

The Gay/Lesbian Community Network Newsletter

Entertainment

Catie Curtis and Erica Wheeler will be appearing in concert at UMaine January 25th at 8:00pm at Hauck Auditorium. Their performance is part of Civil Rights Awareness Week and is part of Feminist Music. For more information call 581-1405. The performance is open to the public and is FREE. Catie Curtis has opened in the past for Lucie Blue Tremblay in Portland and has also performed at the Left Bank Cafe in Blue Hill. She is worth a twelve dollar admission, don't miss your opportunity to see her FREE.

Men's Pot Luck

Monthly pot lucks are held in South Thomaston. For more information call Larry at 594-2957.

Request for Info

GLCN recently received a letter from a woman who is looking for support. Her sister is going to try to have a sex change operation because she wants to become a man. The woman who wrote the letter and other members of the family want to be supportive, but don't know where to turn for information. The family is very concerned about the woman contemplating the sex change, as she has spoken of suicide. Anyone who knows of resources to help the woman or the family are urged to contact GLCN by phone or mail. We will quickly forward the information to the family.

Riverfront

Sunday night is Movie Night at the Riverfront!! Last Sunday Mike and Dave showed Madonna's Truth or Dare. Hot movie! We were all quite amused to see what one person could do to a bed on stage in 30 seconds all by one's self. We can't wait to see what the guys show next week. Free.

GLCN

Here's a story to warm the cockles of one's heart (what does that mean anyway?). Coming out can be a difficult process and generally people like to do it on their own timetable. Sometimes however that is not always possible as in the following tale.

At three o'clock on December 26th GLCN received a phone call from a local clergyman, "Is this the GLCN support group?"

"Yes."

"Hold on I've got someone who needs to talk to you."

"Hi. My parents just kicked me out and I need a place to stay."

Well isn't that special. He came home late in the evening on Christmas Day after visiting friends and went to bed. His mother woke him an hour later and said, "I read your journal. You're a disgrace to the family and you will have to leave tomorrow." Some parent. Besides the privacy issue, how tremendously supportive she was to her own child. The next morning he called his best friend from college who referred him to a local clergyman who had our number from a handbook on support groups. Let's take a look at this "disgrace to the family."

He graduated from a local high school and now is attending an Ivy League College with a GPA of 3.8. Besides work study he is also holding down a part-time job to help finance his education. He came out on campus during his first semester and is socially active (how he finds the time is beyond me). Let's hope we can all be such a disgrace.

He stayed overnight and we got his ticket out of Bangor. When he got back to school, they gave him emergency shelter and he found out that his first year of school has been paid for because the school makes contracts one full year at a time. His parents can't back out of it. We got a phone call from him and he is doing fine. Pretty remarkable.

Act-Up Bangor

AUB has a new contact person, Jenny at 234-4503. AUB now meets at the Peace & Justice Center in downtown Bangor on Columbia Street on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

Women's Valentine's Dance

UMLB Women's Collective in conjunction with the BFSpiritual Community will be sponsoring a chem free Women's Valentine's Day Dance. Admission is \$3.00 at the door - more if you can, less if you can't. Location to be announced. For more info, call Ailsa 989-7420.

MLGPA

The gala social/political event of the year will be happening in Augusta at the Augusta Civic Center on February 1. This is a royal event with over 300 of us all together in one space. Dinner is followed by awards to people who have helped further our cause, then the dancing begins. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and the fee is \$25.00 per person. For more information call Dan at 622-6631.

EMAN

EMAN has produced a wonderful new film entitled "The Time to Know: Women, Children and AIDS." This feeling and informative 20 minute video is about five women (two with children) and their struggle to live. For information on ordering this video, call John or Laura at EMAN 990-3626.

Classifieds

The Networker does not assume any responsibility for the validity of any ad in the newsletter and expects that the reader will check out any ad before taking action.

Room for rent. All utilities included. Two bedroom apartment. Parking. Hot tub. Non-smoking GM preferred. Call Ed 947-7112.

For rent: One bdrm apt. HT & HW incl., hwd flrs., sm. study, off st. pkg., \$400/mo., no pets, quiet non-smoking responsible human beings only. 941-8454 Ernie.

Lesbian sister, illegally prevented from being

employed at the Homeless Shelter that she helped found, needs donation and reliable car (automatic transmission) to continue the fight on homelessness. She fights to regain her rights, as she battles to prevent homelessness. Send to Hospitality House Inc. P.O. Box 62 Hinckley, ME 04944.

Housekeeping

Dear Reader,

You may notice a yellow bar on your address label. This means that we have not received a contribution from you or that you have not called us to let us know that you wish to be kept on the mailing list. Please let us know, because we will be trimming our mailing list to cut costs. We request a donation of \$5.00 which you can mail to GLCN at the address below. Thank you for your support. Major thanks to those who are able to send more and have. You are helping out those who are strapped for funds.

The Riverfront

The Miss Riverfront Pageant
Sunday January 26th 8:30pm
First Place Prize \$50.00
Winner represents the Riverfront
in
Miss Gay Maine
in
Portland

See Mike or Dave for more information or call the bar at 947-1213.

Cover \$3.00

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change law.

The ruling clearly recognizes the couple's lesbian relationship "... Thompson and Kowalski are a family of affinity, which ought to be accorded respect," the decision reads.

Thompson, of St. Cloud, said yesterday that she will move into her new role slowly. She will consult with Kowalski's doctors and will explore options such as moving her lover closer to St. Cloud or into her handicap accessible home.

Our Paper

Maine's Lesbian and Gay Newspaper is holding a contra-dance fundraiser on February 15th at 7:30pm at the First Congregational Church at 301 Cottage Road in South Portland. This "Mac Contra!" is to help raise money for their conversion to the computer age. Free instruction is provided in a chem-free and smoke-free environment and refreshments will be available. Chris Ricciotti is the caller and tickets are \$5.00. If past contra dances are any indicator, this promises to be a fun night all the way around.

Park Street Universalist Church

A Women's Love Yourself Valentine Dance, 9:00pm to midnight on the 15TH at 120 Park St. Bangor, \$3.00. Chem-free and women only please.

Heidi ho folks - Did anyone catch this tidbit in the paper? Two gay men were elected to the Homecoming Court for the first time at Ohio State University. Maybe it's time to make a contribution to the old alma mater.

The Riverfront

On Friday, February 14th, there will be a Valentine's Day Party - wear your best pink, red or formal garb! Doorprizes for wonderful, fabulous, outrageous people.

Victor Victoria watch out! The "Mr." Bangor women's lipsync contest is coming on Sunday, Feb. 16th. This is the second annual contest with a \$50.00 prize. Contact Dave or Mike at 947-1213 for more info.

Due to copyright questions videos have been temporarily(?) suspended, however watch large screen TV on weeknights.

The results from the Miss Riverfront Contest are:

Mercedes (Keith) First Prize - \$50.00

Diva (Tom) First runner up

Jacqueline (Joe) Second runner up

Mercedes will represent the Riverfront at the Miss Gay Maine Pageant this March in Portland.

Thank You

Special thanks are accorded to those individuals who responded to the request for transsexual/transgenderist information. The information which was quite substantial was forwarded. Thanks again.

Wilde-Stein

Stewart Commons at UMaine will be the location of WS's Valentine's Day Dance (Fri. 14th), which will be held from 8:00pm until midnight. Admission will be \$1.00, more if you can, less if you can't. Refreshments will be for sale in this smoke-free environment. Bring your partner and join the fun or come by yourself - you never know who you might meet on this day of amour.

Ed.'s note - Many apologies to the women who read this newsletter. Due to space limitations there are a number of women's events that are not listed in this edition of the newsletter that come from the Peace and Justice Center Calendar. Events have been listed through the 15th, however if you wish to find other things that are going you are urged to call or write to get on their mailing list. Their # is 942-9343 and their address is 58 Columbia Street, Bangor, 04401. To the men - sorry no info for you this month from their calendar.

Women's Resource Center

The center is having an Open House on January 24, 12:00-4:30pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information write: Women in the Curriculum, 101 Fernald Hall, UMaine, Orono, 04469 or call 581-1228. They also have a great calendar. Call or write the above to get on their mailing list.

GLCN

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QUEEN CITY ACTIONS

**FEBRUARY 15 IN MANCHESTER,
New Hampshire's Queen City
March for an End to AIDS
and Health Care for All**

**ACTing UP Soon
In BANGOR, Maine's Queen City
Under the Watchful eyes of Paul Bunyan
ACT UP MAGIC**

**ACT UP BANGOR meets
TUESDAYS at 7
PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER
58 COLUMBIA ST
BANGOR**

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Bangor ME 04402-1554**

**Phone 942-9343
234-4503**

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