

Communiqué

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MEMBERS: Included in this mailing is

- ① your new membership card and
- ② a ballot for election of the next Steering Committee. Voting will take place at the New Year's Eve party. If you will not be there, you may return your ballot in the mail.

COMMUNITY CENTER

NEW RAFFLE PLANNED TO AID BUILDING FUND

A second raffle has been organized to raise additional funds for the establishment of a gay-lesbian community center for this region. The prize will be a \$100 shopping spree at the store of the winner's choice. The first raffle, which was for a portable CD player, was won by a woman from Bangor who purchased her ticket at the Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XVIII in Portland. Tickets were sold from mid-winter '91 through October. This next raffle will begin December 31, 1991 at the New Year's Eve party, and the winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, May 24, 1992 at the barbeque dinner at Symposium XIX in Presque Isle. As with the first raffle, tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5; Canadian and US funds are accepted at par. If the winning ticket is purchased with Canadian funds, the \$100 shopping spree will be awarded in Canadian; if the ticket is purchased in US funds, the prize is in US funds.

The building fund, which began in January of this year, aims to hit the \$1000 (US) mark before New Year's Eve. Only \$129.00 needs to be raised to reach that goal. All monies donated to Northern Lambda Nord are tax-deductible in the US; make sure you get a receipt. The 5¢ deposits on empty beverage containers have made a significant contribution to the fund; everyone is encouraged to save their empty soda, beer, wine, juice, water, and liquor bottles and cans and donate the refunds to the building fund. ▼

BUILDING FUND

\$10,000
GOAL

\$ 871.00
U.S. funds
as of
10/27/91
11/24/91

The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region. The center would house the phoneline, library, office, meeting space, and party space. Since NLN is a 501(c)3 group, all donations are tax-deductible on federal U.S. income tax; merely ask for a receipt. Donations of any amount - U.S. or Canadian funds - are appreciated. ▼

IT'S CONTEST TIME!

WANTED: GOOD DISC JOCKEYS

If you like dance music and enjoy mixing cuts from different albums, you should enter the DJ Contest sponsored by Northern Lambda Nord. The purpose of the contest is to build up a collection of dance tapes that can be used at the different parties sponsored by Lambda.

Here's how the contest works. Anyone interested in entering should put together a demo tape, 30 minutes in length, which gives a sampling of how you would put together dance music. Tapes will be judged on "danceability", variety and quality of the recording. More than one DJ may be selected as winner. Winners will be asked to record two 60-minute dance tapes and will be given a \$40 prize. Demo tapes will be auditioned at the Christmas party, December 21. These demo tapes may be sent to the POBox or brought to any of the six Lambda events scheduled during the first three weeks of December. So get your turntables spinning, your tape players rolling, and your CD players activated! ▼

Do more
than belong.
Participate.

LAMBDA INTERVENES IN CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE SUIT

Northern Lambda Nord has signed on as an "intervener" in a suit by the Maine Christian Civic League's Executive Director, Jasper S. Wyman, Plaintiff, against the Maine Secretary of State, G. William Diamond, Defendant. The suit was initiated when Attorney General Michael Carpenter advised the Secretary of State that an initiative petition presented by the Civic League should not be permitted. The petition sought to amend the Maine Human Rights Act so that any future legislation concerning "homosexual rights" would require voter approval in a statewide referendum before becoming effective. Carpenter advised Diamond that the petition was unconstitutional because it would bind subsequent legislatures by requiring them to add a referendum provision to any legislation relating to "homo-

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sexual rights."

Intervener status means that if the court rules in favor of Wyman and permits his petition, interveners may appeal the ruling. This is different from a "friend of the court" or *amicus curiae*, who merely advises the court. As intervener, NLN's role is to present additional "affirmative defenses" which are not raised by either Diamond or Wyman, those being: (1) the petition seeks to do by initiative petition what must be done instead through a constitutional amendment; (2) the petition is ambiguous, vague, and overbroad; (3) the petition violates guarantees of equal protection and due process by designating a class of persons who are not on equal footing before the Maine legislature with other Maine citizens and groups protected by the Maine Human Rights Act, and whose protections, if any, are singled out for referendum without rational basis.

Lambda joins nine other organizations and eight individuals as interveners in this case. The groups are: Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA), Maine chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Maine AIDS Alliance, The Matlovich Society (holds educational forums on gay-lesbian and related issues),

Am Chofsi (Maine's lesbian-gay Jewish group), Integrity/Kennebec (Augusta-area Episcopal group), Maine Chapter of National Organization of Women, Maine Women's Lobby, Southern Maine chapter National Council of Jewish Women.

The Maine Civil Liberties Union and the Boston-based firm GLAD, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, are representing the interveners at no cost. Lambda, along with the other interveners, may be asked to contribute to the legal expenses, not legal fees, incurred in this case. ▼

MALE ROOMMATE WANTED

Private bedroom with sink; share bathroom, living room, dining room, large kitchen; \$250/month includes all utilities. Van Buren, 868-5879, Wayne.



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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 207.498-2088
TDD/Voice - staffed Wed, 7-9pm (Maine)
AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call 207.498-2088 to make contact

AIDS/SIDANew Brunswick 800.561-4009
AIDSLINE/Maine 800.851-AIDS - staffed Mon & Wed 10am-5pm; Tues 9am-4:30pm; Thurs 10am-2pm; Fri 10am-4:30pm
AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; 207.871-1014 (Bob)
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
GALES NOR GAYS CP/POB 983, Bathurst, NB E2A 4H8

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE University of Southern Maine, 88 Winslow Street, Portland 04103, 207.874-6596
GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 862-5907/941-2189
GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP Portland, 780-4085/772-4741
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LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04102
MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 10772, Portland 04104

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
OUTRIGHT TOO Bangor area Gay-Lesbian Bisexual youth group, c/o POB 212, Bangor 04401
PWA (People With AIDS) COALITION OF MAINE 377 Cumberland Avenue, Portland 04101, 773-8500
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