

MLGPA News

Advocacy for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Communities since 1984

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People of Faith Seek Legislative Support

On Tuesday, February 29, 2000, over 70 clergy and laity from many religious traditions descended on Augusta to lobby legislators to vote for passage of LD 2239; "An Act to ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination." The lobby day was coordinated by MLGPA and sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches, the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination, the Religious Education Committee of the Maine Coalition for Equal Rights and the Maine Speakout Project.

Each clergy and lay person wrote notes of support to both their Senator and Representative and during the day had their notes delivered as well as talked to their elected officials. As the 70 assembled People of Faith formed an arc in the Senate Chamber around the Senators, Rabbi Paul Cohen offered an invocation opening the session reminding us all of "...our commitment to seek out the good and carry forth in service knowing what is right and just for all people."

A press conference was held that day, during which Tom Ewell, Executive Director of the Maine Council of Churches, echoed support for clergy's effort to support noting "...it is right and it is time, now to make this happen." Sen. Joel Abromson (R-Cumberland), who also attended the press conference offered words of thanks and support for those assembled.

Three pastors in pulpits from across Maine then offered their support for the passage of LD 2239. Rev. David Henry from the Lamoine Baptist Church noted that he was here not to speak FOR Baptists, but to speak to them; he closed by asking, "Can Baptists support gay rights?" He responded by

saying "Here is one Baptist who believes that is just what Jesus would do." Rev. Elizabeth Vernon from the United Methodist Church of Easton in Aroostook County, and Rev. Dick Waddell, United Church of Christ-First Congregational Church in Farmington, followed with statements of support.

With representatives from ten religious communities including Methodist, Lutheran, Quaker, Unitarian Universalist, Earth Centered, United Church of Christ, American Baptist, Episcopal, Catholic and Jewish—the People of Faith Day successfully showed how religious leaders across the State of Maine

believe in non-discrimination and support LD 2239. The Religious Lobby Day had a strong positive impact on the debates and voting on this legislation.

This support from the religious community bodes well for the upcoming work for the referendum campaign. More volunteers are needed from all over the State to help the voter ID process. The People of Faith Day will provide support, networking and contacts to carry the message to all citizens that basic rights for all should include the members of the gay and lesbian community.

Maine Coalition for Equal Rights Gearing Up for YES Vote in November

The Maine Coalition for Equal Rights (MCER) has been meeting since 1998 as part of the preparation for the fall 2000 referendum on revising the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation. MCER has been working with MLGPA to lobby for support and passage of LD 2239. At a recent MCER meeting in Bangor, five of the eleven members of the Executive Committee were elected and the Committee has begun the process of hiring a Campaign Manager, developing the campaign plan, fund-raising and filling the remaining slots

on the Executive Committee.

The next step in MCER's organization plan is the continued development of County Committees. These County Committees constitute the Coordinating Committee of MCER for working throughout the state on a grassroots level. These groups will coordinate work in each of the counties in Maine. By identifying YES voters town by town and community by community in the upcoming months, the County Committees have an overall campaign goal of identifying 339,750 Mainers, the estimated number of YES votes needed to win in November.

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State Election Spotlight: LEWISTON

Anti-gay activist, Paul Madore (D) is pitted against current School Board Chair Peggy Rotundo (D) in Lewiston's Democratic primary on June 13. They are candidates for the State Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Georgette Berube. This race will have a major impact on civil rights and

other issues we care about. Volunteer for Peggy Rotundo's campaign by calling her at 784-4359 or writing her at 446 College Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240. Or call Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 and join MLGPA's Legislative Committee. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help!

Maine Coalition Gearing Up

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The County Committees will also be working on networking to get local groups, businesses and organizations to endorse the referendum and coordinate house parties as part of the fundraising effort. Your local churches, synagogues, businesses, organizations and groups are an important part of this process of connecting with Mainers in every city, town and village. Please help and be a part of making Maine free from discrimination—a place where we can all

live and thrive. For more information or to become a part of these County Committees and meetings, contact Jim Martin at 942-7681 or e-mail him at jim@maineguide.com

Please visit the MCER website, (www.equalmaine.org) visit and contact them if you want to be a part of helping in the Campaign this year! At MCER, PMB 250, 126 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME 04430

Convention Volunteers Needed

Help staff MLGPA/MCER tables at the State conventions of the Maine Democratic and Republican parties. Shifts can be as little as an hour or as long as you want. The task is handing out information, educating people about our issues, and signing up supporters.

Democratic Convention in Bangor — May 5-7
To Volunteer contact Scott at 774-3806 or rshawkins@aol.com.

Republican Convention in Augusta — May 12-14

REGULAR MEETINGS

The MLGPA Board meets 6:00-8:00 pm on the third Thursday of every month, downstairs at the Lithgow Library, at State and Winthrop Streets, Augusta. New members are always welcome. We are actively seeking new members and volunteers from all parts of Maine to help pass our civil rights bill NOW in the Legislature and in November's referendum. FMI: snail mail (PO Box 232, Hallowell, ME

04347), e-mail (mlgpa@javanet.com) or voicemail (761-3732 or 800/55-MLGPA).

The MLGPA Legislative Committee meets 6:00-8:00 pm every Tuesday at the office of MLGPA Lobbyist Susan Farnsworth, 222 Water St. in Hallowell (directly in front of Lucky Gardens Restaurant). For directions or more info, please contact Susan at 626-3312 (farns@gwi.net) or Committee Chair Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 (cgosselin@maine.rr.com).

Calendar of Events

For current info check out the Maine Gaynet Calendar at <http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/GayNet/Events>

April 1, Saturday 5:00 pm
SOLO meets at the Durham Quaker Meeting House at 5 pm the doors open and 6 pm we eat. This is a potluck for all Older Single Lesbians. FMI contact: footloos@gwi.net

April 4, Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm
(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network of Southern Maine meets at Deering High School Library on Stevens Ave, Portland.

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MLGPA LEGISLATIVE Committee meets at the office of Susan Farnsworth, MLGPA Lobbyist, 222 Water St in Hallowell (in front of Lucky Gardens Restaurant). For directions or more info, please contact Susan at 626-3312 (farns@gwi.net) or Committee Chair Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 (cgosselin@maine.rr.com).

April 4, Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm
LAST CHANCE to reserve a ticket for the Annual Banquet, call 442-9513.

April 5, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm
HEART CIRCLES of Oxford County- a safe, casual, relaxed space for adult gay and bisexual men to discuss issues that are important to us: relationships, coming out, identities, men's health... what's on your mind? For directions & info, Sean at 786-4697 or acla@gwi.net

April 8, Saturday 5:30pm-12 midnight
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & VICTORY PARTY! We've gotten too big for Augusta, so this year it's at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. You'd better hurry if you haven't gotten your tickets! Call 442-9513 for reservations up until Wednesday, April 4th.

April 10, Monday 6:00 pm
GAY MEN'S POTLUCK meets at the First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St, Auburn. For more info: 783-0461.

April 11, Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm
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worth, MLGPA Lobbyist, at 222 Water St in Hallowell (in front of Lucky Gardens Restaurant). For directions or more info, please contact Susan at 626-3312 (farns@gwi.net) or Committee Chair Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 (cgosselin@maine.rr.com).

April 12, Wednesday 7:00-10:00pm
REEL MEN is a monthly social gathering/ gay movie night for queer men of all ages. different. Good food, relaxed atmosphere, great conversation. FMI or a list of upcoming films, contact Sean 786-4697 or acla@gwi.net

April 13, Thursday 6:30pm
NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD's monthly meeting at the GLBT Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 658 South Main St, Caribou, (across the street from the Nylander Museum) 498-2088 or 800-468-2088. All interested persons are invited.

April 17, Monday 6:30 pm
OUT ON MDI Potluck - monthly potluck is held on the third Monday of each month at a different member's home. All are welcome! see the OOMDI web site for details.

April 18, Tuesday 6:00-8:00 pm
MLGPA LEGISLATIVE Committee meets at the office of Susan Farnsworth, MLGPA Lobbyist, at 222 Water St in Hallowell (in front of Lucky Gardens Restaurant). For directions or more info, please contact Susan at 626-3312 (farns@gwi.net) or Committee Chair Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 (cgosselin@maine.rr.com).

April 19, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm
HEART CIRCLES of Androscoggin County - a safe, casual, relaxed space for adult gay and bisexual men to discuss issues that are important to us: relationships, coming out, identities, men's health... what's on your mind? For directions & info, contact Sean at 786-4697 or acla@gwi.net

April 20, Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm
MLGPA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING. MLGPA meets every third Thursday of the month downstairs at the Lithgow Library, at State & Winthrop Sts, Augusta. New members

are always welcome. We are actively seeking new members and volunteers. For more information: snail mail (PO Box 232, Hallowell, ME 04347), e-mail (mlgpa@javanet.com) or voice-mail (761-3732 or 800/55-MLGPA).

April 25, Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm
MLGPA LEGISLATIVE Committee meets at the office of Susan Farnsworth, MLGPA Lobbyist, at 222 Water St in Hallowell (in front of Lucky Gardens Restaurant). For directions or more info, please contact Susan at 626-3312 (farns@gwi.net) or Committee Chair Celeste Gosselin at 657-6092 (cgosselin@maine.rr.com).

April 28, Friday 7:00 pm
Lecture on the first contemporary transsexual cultural icon in America: "Sex, Gender and Sexuality: the Case of Christine Jorgensen," by historian Joanne Meyerowitz. USM Campus Center. Free and open to the public.

April 29, Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
GAYMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE, Samoset Resort, Rockport. Second annual conference to improve the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of gay and bisexual men and build community. Keynote by David Nimmons, well known HIV prevention theorist, plus special presentation on Bear history & imagery by Les Wright. Sponsored by Gaymen's Health Project of Down East AIDS Network and Coastal AIDS Network, FMI: Ron at DEAN 667-3506, ron-dean@acadia.net or Paul at CAN 338-1427, can@acadia.net

First & Third Monday 6:30-8:00 pm
SISTERSPACE: Supportive lesbian social/discussion group meets at the Universalist Church at 60 School St, Saco, ME. Check out our website www.geocities.com/sisterspace/ or email us at sisterspace@yahoo.com

Every Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm
FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT in Augusta support group for lesbians in abusive relationships; come together to talk, learn and heal. For more information, call 623-3569; ask for info about the Grace Brown Group.

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Every Monday 8:00-9:00 pm
READI - Rainbow Educational Alliance of Diverse Individuals meets in the basement of the UMF Computer Center room 006 to raise campus awareness, do educational projects, and socialize (despite common belief).
<http://violet.umf.maine.edu/~readi>

Every Thursday 7:30-9:00PM
GAY-OK! of Greater Farmington/Franklin County meets in the rear of the psychology building (62 High St) at the University of Maine @ Farmington campus. This social/support group is open to campus and community members & meets weekly when classes are in session. Contact Brian Kaufman @ 778-7379 FMI.

OUTRIGHT offers support and safe space for GLBT youth 22 and under. There are groups in Belfast, Portland, Brunswick, Ellsworth . . . all over Maine. Most meet weekly or biweekly. For meeting times and contact info, see GayNet's OUTRIGHT calendar <<http://www.huntcal.com/cgi-local/calview.cgi/GayNet/Outright/>>

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

The Maine HIV Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG) is currently seeking Men Who Have Sex With Men for membership.

The CPG advises the Bureau of Health's HIV/STD Program on HIV prevention for people whose behaviors or situations put them at increased risk. Community involvement is essential to stop the spread of HIV. We need your experience to help us in developing and updating Maine's Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan. Participants are reimbursed for mileage and receive a stipend for attending monthly meetings.

For more information contact the Project Coordinator:

Phone: 622-7566, ext. 233
E-mail: mehivcpg@mcd.org
TTY: 622-1209

Letter from the President

Many People to Thank

By the time you read this, the legislature may already have voted on LD 2239, the civil rights bill. Anything can happen in Augusta, but we expect the bill to pass with a strong majority in both houses. Once the Governor signs it, we'll shift into the next stage of the campaign—passage in November.

I'd like to thank some of the people who have brought us to this point so successfully. It's a long list. I'd like to begin by thanking Sen. Joel Abromson, who worked as hard on this and has been as committed to the goal as anyone on the legislative team. I'd like to thank all the Sponsors, especially those five who introduced civil rights bills of their own: Rep. Mike Saxl, Sen. Susan Longley, Reps. Dan Williams, Bob Stanwood and Michael Quint. Special thanks to Sen. Abromson, Susan Farnsworth and Rep. Quint for their brilliance in forging an agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese.

The support we've had from Legislative Leadership has never been as strong or as bipartisan. Thanks to Speaker Steven Rowe, House Majority Leader Mike Saxl, Minority Leader Tom Murphy, Senate President Mark Lawrence and Minority Leader Jane Amero.

We should be extremely proud of our own team: lobbyist Susan Farnsworth; her associate, Mary McPherson; and Legislative Committee Chair, Celeste Gosselin. Susan has my vote for hardest working woman in Maine; and we couldn't have succeeded without Mary to organize the hearing and Celeste to coordinate the volunteer network.

We're grateful to Sen. Susan Longley for masterfully conducting the public hearing. Thanks also to Ron Hersom, for organizing the People of Faith Day. Appreciations go as well to the many who helped so much in the lobbying effort: Laura Fortman of Maine Women's Lobby, Ned McCann of the AFL-CIO and Marc Mutty of the Portland Diocese, Robin Lambert, Kevin Rubenstein, Leslie Manning, and a special citation for speed and all around fierceness must go to Rep. Richard Thompson . . .

What's ahead for MLGPA?

You know the answer—here we go again, another statewide campaign. In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more about the drive to win at the polls. Plenty of thought, planning and preparation has gone into the effort already.

And we can feel especially proud of the contributions MLGPA has made. From the community meetings we sponsored across the state in spring 1998, to calling for a new coalition and hosting its first meeting that September, to our ongoing support and participation in MCER (Maine Coalition for Equal Rights), culminating in this January's 3-day campaign leadership training for 31 people from around the state, sponsored by our educational wing, the Maine Diversity Alliance.

But the referendum campaign is only part of the work we need to do next. It's a legislative election year and we have to keep our focus on who's elected. And, believe me, there are some pretty scary people running this year.

The MLGPA Board has found a special way for us to support the referendum while we still continue to work on the legislative elections. We plan to help supportive candidates by providing information and educational materials about the civil rights act for them to use in discussing this issue with voters. This will be an opportunity for us to show our appreciation to those legislators who have the courage to support civil rights after the defeat of February 1998.

MLGPA has had a professional lobbyist at the State House for the past two years. Frankly we were shocked by how much legislation there was on issues of our concern beyond civil rights, like HIV/AIDS, Safer Schools and reproductive rights. Our community needs to have a permanent presence at the legislature. We think it's MLGPA's job to provide that representation, and we're going to be asking for your support to do so.

Please feel free to send me your questions and comments and I'll do my best to reply in future columns.

*Think spring!
Dave Garrity*

Report from the State House on LD 2239

by MLGPA Lobbyist Susan Farnsworth

On February 16, over 300 people attended the Judiciary Committee's hearing of LD 2239, An Act to Ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination. MLGPA's Mary McPherson did a great job of organizing over two dozen supportive testifiers. The hearing, conducted by Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Susan Longley, went very smoothly, though it was often difficult for the audience to hear testimony being given because of the acoustics. On February 23 the Committee voted on the bill: 7 Ought To Pass as amended by the Sponsor's amendment; 1 Ought To Pass as amended (this version included no referendum); 5 Ought Not To Pass. Nearly a month later, in March, the bill was still in committee, waiting for the final version of the amendments to be drafted, reviewed and approved.

Within a week after the Committee vote, we counted just barely enough votes to pass the bill in each house. A month later, the count was large enough to envision passage by a substantial margin.

MLGPA's Legislative Committee and Board have been busy building and confirming support for the bill in the legislature. I was at the State House, as MLGPA's lobbyist, virtually every day legislators were there, three to five days a week. Increasingly, I was joined for the lobbying work by MLGPA legislative Committee members (Celeste Gosselin, Robin Lambert, Leslie Manning, and President David Garrity), and by MLGPA friends (notably Kevin Rubenstein) and allies. Marc Mutty, representing the Roman Catholic Diocese, Women's Lobby lobbyist, Laura Fortman, AFL-CIO lobbyist Ned McCann, DIRIGO ALLIANCE lobbyist Monica Castellanos, plus Karen Geraghty, Alan Stearns, and at least a dozen other individuals, such as Tom Ewell of the Maine Council of Churches, have pitched in to help.

Also the Bill's sponsors, supportive members of the Judiciary Committee, and a large number of supportive legislators have been actively lobbying fellow legislators. Especially helpful in this aspect of the process were: Sponsors Sen. Joel Abromson, Rep. Mike Saxl, Rep. Michael Quint, Rep. Bob Stan-

wood, Rep. Dan Williams, and Rep. Bill Norbert. Also other actively helpful sponsors included Sen. Jane Amero, Sen. Betty Lou Mitchell, Sen. Judy Paradis, and Rep. Robert Cameron. Other very helpful legislators included Senate President Mark Lawrence, Speaker of the House Steve Rowe, especially Rep. Rich Thompson (House Chair of Judiciary) as well as Rep. Tom Murphy (House Minority leader) Rep. Scott Cowger, Rep. Dick Maillhot, Rep. Tom Bull, Rep. Judy Powers, and Rep. Lillian O'Brien. This list is made with no reference to legislators who spoke in support of the bill in floor debate and others who assisted in the very final stages of the bill's passage through the legislative process.

It has been a very exciting time. Every day for weeks, we've added another legislator or two to our growing list of confirmed votes for the bill. Sometimes, collecting a vote was a matter of catching up with a longtime 'yes' voter to affirm their support for this bill. Other times, a 'yes' vote only came after an outpouring of personal issues, an in depth discussion about pent up fears and concerns, or an intense cross examination and debate over the terminology and legal issues seen in the bill. Whatever the process involved, getting to yes was always deeply satisfying.

MLGPA's legislative committee has met weekly all year to deal with the various aspects of this legislative effort including getting endorsements for the bill and identifying members by district to contact their legislators. In addition, David Garrity developed a series of powerful and effective handouts to further help MLGPA state the case for passage of this bill. He and others also helped carry the message to Editorial Boards and a variety of endorsing organizational allies.

We have been fortunate to have had the time this session for really substantial discussions, one on one, with so many legislators. Since the issue will be coming up again this fall, all of this work will be of value to the referendum campaign as well. We know that every 'yes' vote in the House is one more likely 'yes' vote in the fall as well, and one less legislator likely to feel compelled to work against the referendum (to justify a 'no' vote in the House). As this paper goes to print, we still await the final vote to enact LD 2239. So if the vote has not happened, call your legislator immediately and please get friends and family to do the same. If the vote has happened, you can call or write your own legislator to thank them if they voted for LD 2239.

Other Capitol Happenings

Other Issues of Concern to MLGPA: Susan Farnsworth, our legislative lobbyist, presented supportive testimony for MLGPA on the "Offensive Names" bill (LD 2418). The bill bans "squaw" from official place names in Maine because it means the four letter c-word for female genitalia. It passed in the House 129-17. A great victory for human decency (which has been long overdue.) Rep. Elizabeth Watson's bill to provide peer mediation and conflict resolution in schools (LD1305) got a unanimous vote ought to pass from the Education Committee even though an increase in funds for the Civil Rights Teams in

schools was first deleted from that bill. MLGPA submitted testimony in support of that bill last year.

It is expected that the legislature will provide continued funding for in school Civil Rights Teams through Attorney General Drew Ketterer's Office, but the amount is still uncertain. Such teams have been established in 122 schools now, with many more schools on a waiting list for the training. They have been shown to have phenomenal success in making the school atmosphere safer and more respectful for all students in schools all over the state.

Not too Late to Attend Annual Awards Banquet

Do something special this spring—attend the MLGPA Annual Awards Banquet. This year's banquet is guaranteed to reward you with a memorable evening. The banquet will be held in Portland, April 8th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The evening begins with a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00, followed by a relaxing dinner hour. An attentive wait staff will serve dinner to you. Entrée choices are roasted pork loin with apple sage stuffing, sautéed chicken breast with raspberry cream, and vegetarian ravioli with asparagus and marscapone cheese. Of course, dinner would not be complete without a selection from an extensive desert cart. Award presentations will immediately follow dinner.

During the evening we are offering a raffle for the Maine Diversity Alliance scholarship program. Each year the Maine Diversity Alliance awards scholarships to two graduating high school seniors from either public or private Maine schools. Students must write an essay in response to the question, "What can I do to protect others from discrimination in our society?" The schol-

arship program is listed in all major state and national catalogues (such as Peterson's College Board). In addition, each high school guidance counselor is sent a scholarship package. Last year two students, out of over eighty completed applications, were awarded \$500 scholarships. At least one member of the scholarship committee went to the students' Graduations or Awards Ceremonies to formally present the award. This important program is one way to actively make a difference in the lives of the youth in our community.

Nine to midnight will be vibrant with dancing and celebration! We are pleased to announce that Aimsel Ponti, sorcerer of the 1999 Great Pumpkin Ball's music of the night, will be in charge of music throughout the evening. Make a night of it!

The planning committee has been working hard to ensure that this year's banquet will be special from beginning to end. Please join us in celebrating our magnificent diversity and our victory with LD 2239.

Be Represented in Augusta

Each year MLGPA analyzes bills, talks with legislators, and tries to determine which bills might have positive or negative impact on our community. To be successful, this effort takes more than hard working volunteers. MLGPA hires a lobbyist to help keep our views and opinions visible at the capitol. She also helps us better decide where to put our election efforts in the fall.

But all this work takes money. MLGPA relies on your memberships and donations for our work. These funds also pay for this newsletter, the PO Box, and supplies for our tables at events. If you have not renewed your membership for 2000, please do so now (if there is an asterisk on your mailing label it means your membership has

expired). If you have paid your dues, thank you, but feel free to send in an extra contribution today. Dues are only \$25 per year and go far in keeping you informed and maintaining a presence in Augusta. Send your membership today to MLGPA—Memberships, PO Box 232 Hallowell, ME 04347.



Maine Diversity Alliance 2000 Youth Scholarship Program

The Maine Diversity Alliance has announced their eighth annual essay scholarship contest. The contest is open to all Maine High School seniors who have been accepted to any institution of higher learning. This year two scholarship recipients will be chosen and awarded \$750 each to assist their efforts in furthering their educations.

To apply applicants must submit the following:

- 1) A cover letter with the applicant's name, address, phone number, name of high school, and the name of the school they plan to attend.
- 2) On a separate piece of paper, without the applicant's name (so the essays can be judged without knowing who the applicant is), discuss the following question: What can I do to protect others from discrimination in our society?
- 3) One letter of recommendation.
- 4) A copy of the acceptance letter from the school they plan to attend.

All applications must be postmarked by April 14, 2000 and mailed to Maine Diversity Alliance PO Box 1951 Portland ME 04104.

If you are interested in donating to this scholarship, you can mail contributions to the same address. There will also be a raffle to benefit this scholarship program at the MLGPA awards banquet on April 8th. If you have any questions about the scholarship program you can call Sue at 442-9513 or contact her by email at sueandmaggi@clinic.net.