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Equal Rights Prevail in Westbrook

Westbrook Citizens for Equal Rights (WCER) defeated a citizen referendum, led by Paul Volle and the Christian Coalition, to repeal an equal rights ordinance that was passed unanimously by the City Council. Brenda Broder, a Westbrook resident and ardent equal rights activist, was campaign manager and shares some of her insights of the campaign. Huge thanks go to Brenda and the committee members who worked so hard and with such vision throughout this campaign.

By Brenda Broder

Campaign Manager, Westbrook Citizens for Equal Rights

Having worked on civil rights campaigns since Equal Protection Portland in 1992, working to defeat the citizen referendum in Westbrook was a very different challenge. For one thing, there was rhetoric from Mr. Volle that we had a lot of nerve taking this on in "his back yard." Second, Westbrook has traditionally been more of a blue collar community than the other Maine cities or towns that have passed an equal rights ordinance. Westbrook was a test case of sorts and there was a lot of pressure on us to win. A victory in Westbrook would send a strong message that it is not only progressive communities who support equal rights.

Working in our favor were a great City Council and Mayor who understood the issues of discrimination. There were also many outspoken business leaders on our side—Shep Lee, Hannaford, Fleet Bank, People's Bank, and the Westbrook Housing Authority, to name a few.

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Maggie Allen, president of MLGPA (second from right), celebrates the victory with campaign workers and Westbrook City Council members. MLGPA played a major role in the campaign by providing funding, volunteers, and political advice throughout the campaign.

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Seventy Three Percent of MLGPA Endorsed Candidates Win

With all but one race decided, 73 percent of MLGPA-endorsed candidates were elected to the 121st Maine Legislature. In the senate, provided that Chris Hall of Bristol is declared the official winner, three of our ten winning candidates are newcomers to the senate, while seven were re-elected. In the House, five of our 49 winning candidates are newcomers, while 44 were re-elected. Unfortunately, we lost eight friendly incumbents in the election.

We gained a friend in the Blaine House, governor-elect John Baldacci, and on the federal level, two of our three endorsed candidates were elected—Michael Michaud, a newcomer to the U.S. Congress, and incumbent Congressman Tom Allen. Unfortunately, our beloved candidate to the U.S. Senate, Chellie Pingree, did not win.

Here are the results:

Bold = Incumbent

State Senate

District #		Won/Lost
6	D Charles D. Fisher, Brewer	L
7	D Mary R. Cathcart, Orono	W
11	D Joseph E. Brooks, Winterport	L
15	D Beverly C. Daggett, Augusta	W
16	D Christopher G.L. Hall, Bristol	W
17	D Gary T. McGrane, Jay	L
18	D Sharon A. Treat, Farmingdale	W
19	R Arthur F. Mayo III, Bath	W
23	D Betheda Edmonds, Freeport	W
24	D Bruce Bryant, Dixfield	W
26	R Karl Turner, Cumberland	W
27	D Michael Brennan, Portland	W
28	R Robin D. Lambert, Portland	L
29	D William B. O'Gara, Westbrook	L
30	D Lynn Bromley, South Portland	W

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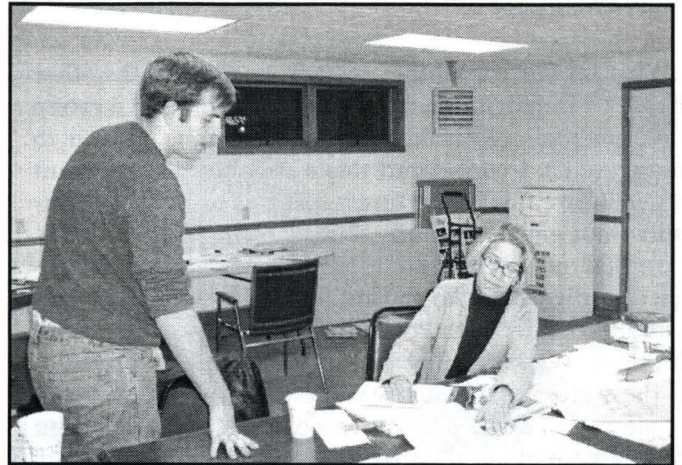
MLGPA President Maggie Allen (far left) stands with governor-elect John Baldacci, former Portland mayor Karen Geraghty, and Congressman Tom Allen at a reception in honor of Baldacci. Special guest was Governor Dean Howard of Vermont, who is exploring a run for president. The reception was held in Portland at the home of Mare and Laurie Wallace.

MLGPA Endorsed Candidates

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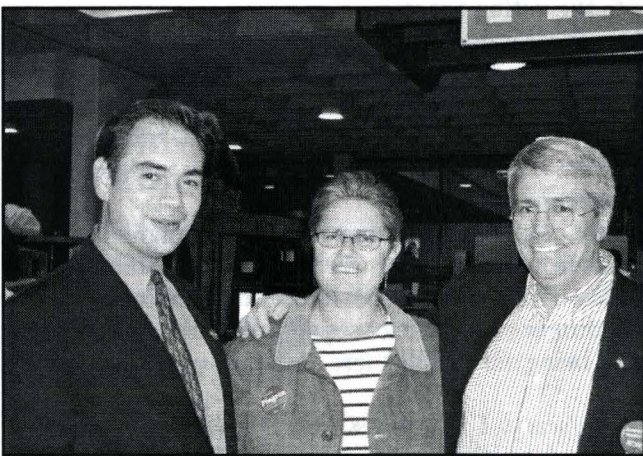
State Representative

District #		Won/Lost
5	D Thomas J. Wright, Berwick	L
12	D Frank J. Tarazewich, Waterboro	L
15	D Christopher P. O'Neil, Saco	W
16	D Thomas J. Kane, Saco	W
17	D Nancy B. Sullivan, Biddeford	W
18	D Marie Laverriere-Boucher, Biddeford	W
19	D Joanne T. Twomey, Biddeford	W
20	D David Lemoine, Old Orchard Beach	W
23	D Christopher R. Barstow, Gorham	W
24	D Lawrence Bliss, South Portland	W
25	D Janet L. McLaughlin, Cape Elizabeth	W
27	D Williams C. Collins, South Portland	L
28	D Ronald E. Usher, Westbrook	W
29	D Robert W. Duplessie, Westbrook	W
30	D Benjamin F. Dudley, Portland	W
31	Dual Endorsement:	
	G John Eder, Portland	W
	D David Garrity, Portland	L
33	D Herbert Adams, Portland	W
34	D William S. Norbert, Portland	W
35	D Joseph C. Brannigan, Portland	W
36	D Boyd P. Marley, Portland	W
37	D Glenn A. Cummings, Portland	W
38	R Joseph Bruno, Raymond	W
46	D Margaret R. Reimer, Bridgton	L
48	D Thomas D. Bull, Freeport	W
49	D John G. Richardson, Brunswick	W
50	D Stanley J. Gerzofsky, Brunswick	W
53	D Deborah J. Hutton, Bowdoinham	W
54	D Thomas R. Watson, Bath	W
55	D Carol A. Grose, Woolwich	W



MLGPA Board member Dottie Melanson (right) is a long-time political activist and Democratic Party leader and played a major role in getting MLGPA-endorsed candidates elected in November.

57	D Peter L. Rines, Wiscasset	W
58	D Morrison Bonpasse, Newcastle	L
63	D Susan Dorr, Camden	L
69	D Rosita Gagne, Buckfield	W
70	D John L. Patrick, Rumford	W
73	D Deborah L. Simpson, Auburn	W
79	D Linda R. McKee, Wayne	W
80	D Elaine Fuller, Manchester	W
82	G Ruth Z. Gabey, West Gardiner	L
86	D Richard H. Mailhot, Lewiston	W
87	D William R. Walcott, Lewiston	W
89	D Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien, Lewiston	W
91	D Patrick Colwell, Gardiner	W
92	D Scott W. Cowger, Hallowell	W
94	D Charles E. Mitchell, Vassalboro	L
96	R Julie Ann O'Brien, Augusta	W
98	D Paul R. Hatch, Skowhegan	W
99	D Marilyn E. Canavan, Waterville	W
100	D Lisa T. Marrache, Waterville	W
102	D Zachary E. Matthews, Winslow	L
104	D Bernard E. McGowan, Pittsfield	W
116	D Stanley N. Marshall, Jr., Veazie	L
117	D Sean Faircloth, Bangor	W
118	D Joseph C. Perry, Bangor	W
119	D Patricia A. Blanchette, Bangor	L
120	D Jacqueline R. Norton, Bangor	W
121	D Matthew Dunlap, Old Town	W
123	D Jonathan Thomas, Orono	W
128	D James M. Schatz, Blue Hill	L
130	R Robert E. Stanwood, Southwest Harbor	L
141	D Sally Landry, Patten	L
144	D Jacqueline Lundeen, Mars Hill	W
149	D William J. Smith, Van Buren	W
150	D Rosaire Paradis, Jr., Frenchville	W
151	D Marc E. Michaud, Fort Kent	L



MLGPA Board member and Portland West End resident Barb Wood attended a debate between Green Party John Eder (left) and Democrat David Garrity. John Eder pulled off a surprising upset to become the first Green Party candidate in the country to be elected to a state legislature.

Equal Rights Prevail In Westbrook

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What set our committee apart from some of the other ordinance campaigns was that we were primarily a group of heterosexuals (with one gay man and one lesbian to round us out!). I considered this a very strong statement that people are finally "getting it." This is an issue of community—not gay community, but of community at large. We wanted our community to reflect the values of acceptance and diversity like those of our sister cities of Falmouth, Portland, South Portland, Bangor, and others with ordinances. We know that our city will grow and prosper with these strong community values.

One thing I learned in this campaign is that if you want to move a mountain, then you have to take the high road. We made a group decision to not engage in anything negative. We refused to meet the opposition on those terms. Regardless of what was said or how incorrect or offensive their literature was, we rose above it and continued to believe in our mission statement that reasonable people know discrimination is wrong. Period.

It was a challenge. It was hard not to go on radio talk shows to get our message out, but we didn't want to provide a forum for the Christian Coalition to create fear and misunderstanding. It was hard not to engage when hurtful misconceptions were presented at council meetings.

The night before the election, I began having flashbacks of the last two statewide referendum campaigns. What happens if we lose? What happens if our strategy was wrong and we didn't heed the advice of others? I have seen people's anger after losing a campaign and seen them attack like sharks with criticism and hindsight wisdom. Often, these are people who haven't worked on the campaign at all—but somehow know what would have worked if they did.

What if everything we have worked for goes wrong? What if Paul Volle really did have 2000 identified sup-



MLGPA provided the majority of volunteers for phone banking, a crucial element of the campaign. On election night, these volunteers made last minute Get-Out-The-Vote calls to voters who had not yet voted.

porters, like he claimed? We only had 748! Why did we think we could do this? In Westbrook! What were we thinking?!

Election Day finally comes! Oh, I can't wait to get it over! I get up at the crack of dawn and head to the polls. They tell us, as poll watchers, to get there at 6:30 so we can get a spot near the officials checking off voters' names. We had been briefed about the rules and laws that protect us as poll watchers. If anything went wrong, all we had to do was call Pat Peard for legal advice!

First thing in the morning, Dottie Melanson (Democratic Party organizer) has the pleasure of telling Paul Volle that his signs are too close to the polling place. They argue, Dottie's right, he leaves. I like this! Then there are disputes at Wards 2 and 5 about poll watchers asking for names to be repeated. We call Pat Peard. We are right and we can prove it. Rock and roll! I love the process and feel pretty darn American helping to ensure that everyone has access to the voting process.

Then there's poor Betsy Smith. She has the misfortune to be poll watching next to a woman from the Christian Coalition who is holding her dentures in each hand while throwing up in a garbage can. I don't know which one of them was more determined to stay and support their respective causes.

Finally, the polls close and we are all assigned to get the results from a particular ward and bring them to Mike Miles' home, where we had been meeting every week for a pot luck dinner and strategy session. We had agreed that we would bring our results there and learn our fate together.

It was scary. I felt like Karen Silkwood driving the back roads of Westbrook. I knew very well that some people were angry because gays and lesbians want "special rights." But I was more concerned that in Ward 5, where



MLGPA volunteers Bob Grant (left) and Tim Sullivan (center) talked with many Westbrook voters just prior to election day. Phone bank coordinator O.B. O'Brien was on the phone looking for new lists to call.

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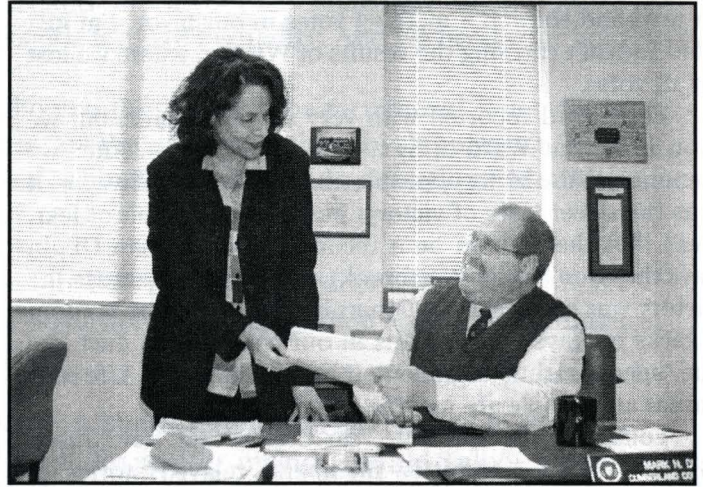
Cumberland County Employees Receive Domestic Partner Benefits

By Betsy Smith, Executive Director

Never say that one person cannot make a difference. Cumberland County employees have one person to thank for initiating the effort that now makes domestic partner benefits available to them. She is modest and denies that it is because of her, but if it were not for Michelle Noyes' school project, DP benefits would not currently exist for Cumberland County employees.

Michelle is an Administrative Assistant in the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and has worked for Cumberland County for 18 years. She is earning her Business and Management Degree at St. Joseph's College in Windham. In a Human Resource class she took last year, each student was assigned to assess their workplace and implement some type of policy that was missing. Michelle chose to work on implementing a domestic partner benefits policy for unmarried employees.

The effort took over a year and involved many people and many resources. In addition to internal advocates such as Sheriff Mark Dion, Genie Beaulieu, Major Jefferrey Newton and Jim Beaulieu, MLGPA played a major role in educating and informing Cumberland County Commissioners on important aspects of domestic partner benefits. Maggie Allen testified several times at public meetings and presented compelling information that, as Michelle says, made a huge difference in how the Commissioners voted.



Michelle Noyes and Sheriff Mark Dion worked very closely in their year-long effort to extend domestic partner benefits to Cumberland County employees. MLGPA played an important role in educating County Commissioners about the importance and necessity of DP benefits.

There is still work to do, since the current contract applies only to non-union employees. MLGPA will continue working with Cumberland County to provide whatever resources we can to extend DP benefits to all County employees.

Thank you, Michelle, for your diligence and perseverance. You've made a difference in many peoples' lives. ■

MLGPA Volunteer Thank you Column

An organization is only as good as its volunteers. MLGPA is honored to have some of the most dedicated volunteers in the state. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for MLGPA in various capacities over the last couple of months. Our apologies if anyone has been inadvertently left off this list.

Steven Bridges
Jeanie Bourke
Brenda Broder
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Tonya Spaulding
Cindy Stewart
Tim Sullivan
Bryant Tracy
Kim Volk
Sherry Miller Welch
Kevin Winfrey
Barb Wood

Equal Rights in Westbrook

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we had projected our largest margin of victory, the results in my hand showed a mere 53 votes in our favor. I'm just glad I wasn't carrying the results of Ward 2, where we lost by 18 votes.

Each ward reported with very small margins, but we won in all but Ward 2, by a total of 163 votes. After we announced the victory, people cheered and celebrated—it was the sweet taste of victory, but with a little bit of fear. Fear that there could be a recount (which Susan Gilpin says they don't do in Westbrook) and fear that because the victory was by such a small margin, there could be random attacks on gays and lesbians in our community. Just like the “special rights” argument, it hasn't happened. Life continues and people are moving on with their lives.

Following the election, Tim Crellin and Rev. Susan Gilpin (WCER committee members) relayed stories of strangers thanking them for educating people about diversity. It was the silver lining in an otherwise cloudy election (referring to national politics).

From the very beginning, Maggie Allen offered MLGPA's support in whatever way we needed it. In addition to fundraising, mailings, and volunteers, MLGPA lent us their executive director, Betsy Smith, for three full days around election day, which was extremely helpful since all of us on the steering committee work a full time job (and then some!).

MLGPA is evolving once again to be an essential community resource. They helped with literature drops, mailings, phone banking and working the polls on election day. When we ran out of local volunteers, we picked up the



Once the votes were counted and confirmed, members from the campaign committee, City Council, and the community celebrated their victory for equal rights in Westbrook.

phone and called Betsy, who always found us people to help.

Thank you very much, MLGPA!

Although the election is over, there is still a matter pending with the Ethics Commission. The Christian Coalition has not filed its PAC reports and a formal complaint has been filed. As of this date, Mr. Volle has not complied with the order to produce records or to reveal who paid for his signs and literature. He has, however, begun contemplating handing his leadership role over to someone else.

Another silver lining! ■

Recap of National LGBT Elections

There were five LGBT referendum questions on the ballot in five different states. Four were city wide and one was state wide. Pro-LGBT rights advocates won 4 of the 5, which is outstanding given that in the past we have typically lost 70 percent of these referendums. This year, we won 80 percent.

In Tacoma, WA, a ballot initiative that would have removed sexual orientation and gender identity from the city's equal rights ordinance was defeated.

In Ypsilanti, MI, a ballot initiative that would have deleted sexual orientation from the existing non-discrimination law and would “prohibit the city from enacting, adopting, enforcing or administering any ordinance, regulation, rule or policy which grants special minority or protected status, quota, preference or other preferential treatment based upon homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct or relationship” was defeated.

In Sarasota, FL, a ballot initiative that would have amended the Charter Amendment of the City of Sarasota to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation

and gender, among other characteristics, passed with support of 72 percent of the voters.

In Westbrook, ME, a ballot initiative that would have repealed the city's new equal rights ordinance, which prevents discrimination based on sexual orientation, was defeated.

In Nevada, a ballot initiative that would have defined marriage as between “one man and one woman,” effectively prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying or being recognized as married should any other state recognize same-sex marriages, was passed.

In Providence, Rhode Island an openly gay man was elected mayor of the city with 84 percent of the vote. Providence is the largest U.S. city and the only capital with an openly gay mayor. ■

For more information on LGBT politics outside of Maine, visit our website at:
www.mlgpa.org

MLGPA Awards Banquet Nomination Request

MLGPA Foundation, MLGPA's educational wing, is hosting a very special banquet on Saturday, March 22, 2003 at Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland. Mark your calendar now. Each year we honor individuals and groups for their efforts in the struggle for LGBT equality. And we need your help in choosing who gets the awards.

Please look over the categories and let us know who you think should be recognized. Then fill in the Nomination Form on the back and send it in right away. We must have them by January 24. Here are descriptions of the awards with just a few of the exceptional people and organizations who have received them:

- **Great Pioneer Award**—for an achievement that embodies bold new vision or courageous breakthrough in our struggle for equality. Recipients include Governor Angus King, Dale McCormick, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center and Jean Vermette.
- **Larry Connolly Award**—for outstanding service by a Maine public official. Named in memory of one of the first sponsors of our anti-discrimination bill. Recipients include Gerald Talbot, Gerald Conley Jr, Tom Andrews, Susan Farnsworth and Joel Abromson.
- **Cameron Duncan Award**—for extraordinary accomplishment, commitment and service within the AIDS community. Named after Cameron Duncan, who openly shared his life and gave AIDS a face for the people of Maine. Past recipients include Frannie Peabody, Myles Rightmire, Peter Haffenreffer, Tom Antonik, and Nancy Bullett.
- **F.E. Pentlarge Award**—for exceptional work that upholds and promotes family within our community. F.E. founded PFLAG in Maine and never stopped working for equal rights. Recipients include Sally & Eugene Debor, Mare & Laurie Wallace, Peter Rees, Susan Comyns and F.E. herself.
- **Media Award**—for exceptional print or broadcast reporting and commentary on LGBT and civil rights issues. Presented in the past to Bill Nemitz, Maine Public Radio, Maine Times and Tony Giampetruzzi.
- **Community Service Award**—for those who provide outstanding direct service to the community. Past recipients include Paula Stockholm, Karen Geraghty, Laura Fortman, Jim Neal & Roger Mayo, Lin Gould, Northern Lambda Nord, Mary Harney, Rev. Fred Lipp, Mitzi Lichtman and Betsy Sweet.
- **Youth in Leadership Award**—for a youth leader (24 years of age or younger) in recognition of their contributions to the broader LGBT community at large. Presented to the Gay/Straight Alliance of Mt. Desert High School and Ellen Stewert.

Please return the form on the back of this page by January 24, 2003. You may copy this form or download it off of our web site: www.mlga.org. Thank you.

Mail to: MLGPA Foundation
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MLGPA 2003 Award Nomination Form

The award you want your nominee to receive: _____

Name, address, and phone number of person/organization you are nominating:

Why your nominee should receive this award (use separate paper if necessary):

Names and phone numbers of others who support or know the work of your nominee.

Has your nominee ever received an MLGPA award? _____ If so, when and which one?

Your name, address and phone number so that we can reach you with any questions.

The deadline for nominations is January 24, 2003 — Please do it today!

Mail to: MLGPA Foundation, P.O. Box 1951, Portland ME 04104
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MLGPA Job Opening for Development Director

Summary

The Development Director provides overall direction, coordination, and implementation of the MLGPA Foundation's fundraising operations. Helps the organization build and increase its capacity to raise money and expand its funding base. The Development Director participates on the Foundation's management team, which is responsible for all aspects of the organization's operations, and reports to the Executive Director.

Qualifications

Two years fundraising experience, to include major donor, direct mail, and grant writing; commitment to LGBT issues; excellent written and verbal communication skills. Commitment to Association of Fundraising Professionals Code of Ethics. Computer experience necessary (word processing, desktop publishing, database, spreadsheets).

Responsibilities

- Overall management of all fundraising activities
- Develop and implement development plans and budgets
- Create fundraising strategies in consultation with the

Executive Director and Board of Directors

- Oversee implementation and maintenance of all development office systems and procedures
- Create and manage new efforts to raise funds from local businesses, corporations and organizations, and expand and oversee current major donor program and annual special events
- Manage and expand foundation fundraising program, including overseeing writing, production, and timely submission of all proposals and grant reports, orchestrating contact with and maintaining relations with donors and identifying new foundation donors
- Responsible for directing and overseeing the work of the Foundation's Development Committee

Send cover letter and resume to:

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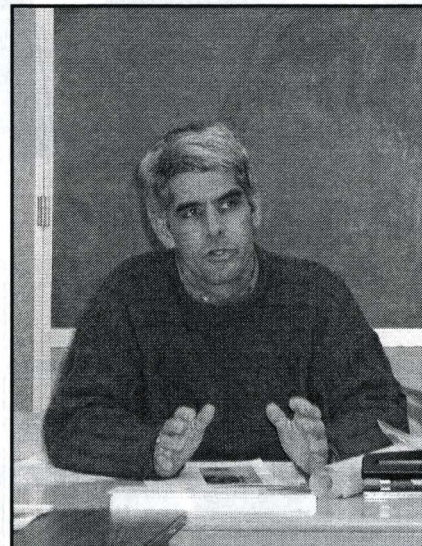
MLGPA Foundation Joins MaineShare

MaineShare is a community of 35 non-profit organizations that have come together to help raise financial support for and increase public awareness about human and environmental problems, and develop strategies for solving them.

Through payroll deduction contributions and direct gifts, our donors help to develop root cause solutions to achieve good health, environmental protection, safe communities, economic opportunity, human rights, animal welfare, peace, and much more.

In 2001, MaineShare distributed \$175,573 to its groups, which represents a 20 percent increase above its 2000 allocation. Since its inception in 1989, MaineShare has provided more than \$1 million to its member organizations working for positive social and environmental change in Maine.

Annual workplace campaigns are a great way to bring people together in a cooperative effort to help improve the quality of life in Maine. If your workplace does not currently offer MaineShare as a charitable giving option, help us enroll your employer with MaineShare. It's easy. MaineShare provides brochures and pledge forms containing clear information on our member groups with simple instructions for payroll giving. ■



Will Childs, Executive Director of MaineShare, spoke about MaineShare's mission and structure at a recent MLGPA Foundation Board meeting. Next year, 2003, will be MLGPA Foundation's first full year as a member of MaineShare.

Great Pumpkin Ball a Success Again

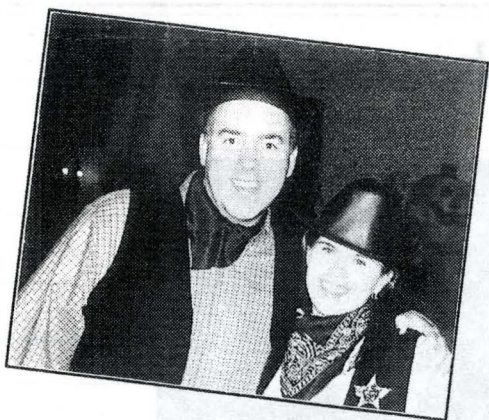
MLGPA & MLGPA Foundation hosted its 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Ball on October 26, at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. The costumes were fabulous, music was excellent, and a good time was had by all.

There were winners of the costume contest in several categories, including Sexiest, Scariest, Funniest, Most Original, and Best Ensemble. From the winners of these categories was selected the Best of the Ball. This year's

Best of the Ball went to "Martha Stewart & Winona Ryder" in their prison garb.

Thank you to everyone who made this event a great success, including those who helped set up, work the registration table, and tear down. And a very special thank you to Blackstones, who had the most amazing pumpkin patch with the nicest walking pumpkins in the land.

See you next Halloween! ■



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Nominations for the Awards

Each year at the Annual Awards Banquet, MLGPA Foundation honors individuals and groups for their efforts in the struggle for LGBT equality. These are community awards and as such, anyone may submit a nomination. In fact, we encourage you to think about people who deserve to be recognized and honored for their initiative and leadership, and then nominate them yourself.

Please use the form on pages 7 & 8 to nominate someone. When submitting a nomination, tell us as much as you can about what this person or group has accomplished. The more information we have, the better decisions we will make. Please feel free to share this nomination form with your friends.