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DEAR FRIENDS

I have just recently attended my first two gatherings of NLN and was surprised. First, I was pleasantly surprised at what a good time I had. I was also surprised that I was the sole woman there. Not being faint of heart nor narrow of mind, I was not at all uncomfortable, but I sure would have liked to have seen a female. Where have all the lesbians gone? I'm new to the area and haven't seen or heard of any lesbian socializing. I do, of course, understand the need for very, very discreet activities, but why not participate in a totally secure and very discrete group of gays? If anyone can give me any feedback at all, I sure would appreciate a call. Ask questions, or discuss it with me; just let's hear from you.

Now, not to let the men off the hook, where are you? NLN has and has had a nice size membership roster, but only the same handful of guys shows for the meetings. Why? It takes group cooperation to remain active and vital, and we need help from every member and potential member. Any suggestions? Wanna talk about it? Call me, Jacki, at 325-6351, anytime. I'm out a lot, but KEEP TRYING!

ALGA MEETS

Members of the Executive Committee of NLN traveled to Fredericton on May 22 for a meeting of the ALGA - the Atlantic Lesbian and Gay Association. Unfortunately, NLN and FLAG/Fredricton were the only groups represented. It was disappointing that none of the other Maritime groups was at the meeting.

Discussion at the ALGA meeting focused on what FLAG and NLN are doing now for outreach to their communities. FLAG is involved with a volunteer program in the Fredericton area. Members of FLAG perform a variety of volunteer services, as openly gay women and men, for various people and agencies. The goal is to give the general public positive images of homosexuals.

NLN and FLAG also discussed our respective summer programs. FLAG is holding their second annual "Fundy Park Lark" and, on July 17, a "Maritime Gay Man" contest and dance. (see NLN calendar for details.)
On Sunday, May 23, the Executive Committee met at one member's home in Carleton County, overlooking the beautiful Saint John River. Our major topics of discussion were our summer calendar and outreach. The calendar (enclosed in members' newsletters) is planned so that from June 6 until September 26, every weekend save one has a scheduled activity. Most planned events are outdoors: picnics, hikes, bar-b-ques, etcetera. In case of inclement weather, there is always the next weekend's event. Activities are being held in Houlton, Woodstock, Presque Isle, Caribou, Madawaska, Limestone, and Fort Kent. There will be one discussion group in Caribou in June, but none in July and August. They will resume in September.

Discussion about outreach to our area focused upon the print media and the electronic media. We decided to concentrate on radio and TV during the summer, and resume newspaper advertisements and notices in the fall. To this end, each of our summer activities will be publicized on local "community calendars". Each of the 6 radio and one television stations in the County is being sent a notice of our activity each week. Exact time and place are not being noted, only that we are having activities. Please listen for them on the radio and on Channel 8.

Finally, the Executive discussed the possibility of a "phone line", such as the one in Fredericton. It's a special number which has an answering machine at certain times and a live person at others. The purpose is to answer peoples' questions and to provide a safe, anonymous outlet for our sisters and brothers who are still deep in the closet. Gay people can call and talk with a reassuring person. The phone will also be a contact point for Lambda members to check on happenings. The Executive will determine the total cost to us for one year, then decide the feasibility of establishing this phone line -- perhaps with initial financial help from others.

FLAG will be hosting the first annual "Maritime Gay Man of the Year" contest at their FLAG dance in Fredericton on Saturday, July 17, 1982. Contestants will be required to appear twice on stage: first in street clothes and second in beach wear. The winner will be selected by a panel of five judges who will base their decision on the general physical appearance of the contenders during both appearances.

Men interested in being a contestant should submit an application with a five dollar refundable deposit as soon
JUNE 6 JUIN - MADAWASKA, MAINE
GATHERING, 1 PM MAINE/2 PM N-B
POT LUCK, BYOB
EDMUNDSTON: 207/728-4047

JUNE 12 JUIN - HOULTON, MAINE
PICNIC, 2 PM MAINE/3 PM N-B
BARN DANCE, 7 PM MAINE/8 PM N-B
BYOB, NO SQUARING IN THE BARN!
207/532-9815

JUNE 19 JUIN - CARIBOU, MAINE
DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 PM MAINE/8 PM N-B
TOPIC: "HOW WE RELATE TO OUR FAMILIES AS GAY PEOPLE" (DO WE RELATE COMING OUT?)
207/493-6646

JULY 10 JULIET - LIMESTONE, MAINE
PICNIC, 2 PM MAINE/3 PM N-B
AT PICNIC AREA BETWEEN PORT FAIRFIELD AND LIMESTONE (ROUTE 165), BYOB EVERYTHING. STATE PICNIC AREA IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD.

JULY 17 JULIET - FREDERICTON, FLAG DANCE AND FIRST ANNUAL "MARITIME GAY MAN OF THE YEAR" CONTEST AT THE KINSMEN'S CENTRE SCHOOL ST., (NORTH) P'TN.

JULY 24 JULIET - PRESQUE ISLE - PICNIC, 2 PM MAINE/3 PM N-B
AT PICNIC AREA ON PRESQUE ISLE ROAD AT ARNOLD BROOK LAKE.

JULY 31 JULIET - CASTLE HILL, MAINE
MACDONALD MOUNTAIN PARK HERE & WAKE UP HILL
APPROX. 20 MIN.
FROM P.I.
TAKE MAPLETOWN ROAD.
GO THROUGH TOWN (MAPLETOWN)
REMEMBER TO WATCH AT EXTRON STATION.
GO TO END WHERE 1184 RISES, OR TO SIDE ROAD.
AGENT 1 MILE ON ROAD.

AUG. 14 AUGUS'T - CARIBOU, MAINE
MLN FUNDRAISING SUPPER - AN ITALIAN FEAST
7:30 RESERVATIONS, 5:30 DINNER TAKEN AUGUST 3 SOLD MONEY TO MLN/800.930 OR CALL 493-6646 TO RESERVE A SEAT.

AUG. 20/21/22 AUGUS'T - MACDONALD MOUNTAIN, WEEKEND CAMPING FOR MEN, A "FAIRIE GATHERING." SEE MAP NO. 5. BRING GEAR FOR THE WEEKEND OR JUST FOR 1 DAY.

AUG. 24 AUGUS'T - CARIBOU, MAINE
PICNIC, 3 PM MAINE/4 PM N-B
BYOB, SEE MAP NO. 3

AUG. 26/27 AUGUS'T - MONMOUTH, MAINE
PICNIC, 7 PM MAINE/8 PM N-B
BYOB, SEE MAP NO. 3

SEP. 11 SEPTEMBER - WEEKEND IN QUEBEC CITY, DETAILS LATER

SEP. 15 SEPTEMBER - CARIBOU, MAINE
DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 PM MAINE/8 PM N-B
BYOB, SEE MAP NO. 3

SEPTEMBER 25 SEPTEMBER - MADAWASKA, MAINE
GATHERING, 7 PM (MAIN) NOON (S-A)
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**JUNE 6, 1982**

- **Saturday, June 12, 1982:** Haulton, Maine
  - 2 PM main/me 3 PM N-B: Picnic — BYO food, utensils, drink, lawn chair.

- **Saturday, June 19, 1982:** Caribou, Maine
  - 7 PM main/me 8 PM N-B: Discussion Group.
  - Topic: Gay, lesbians, and our families; relations, coming out, problems, joys, etc.

- **Saturday, June 26, 1982:** Presque Isle, Maine
  - 8 PM main/me 9 PM N-B: Party in celebration of "Lesbian and Gay Pride Week."

**JULY 4, 1982**

- **Saturday, July 3, 1982:** McDonald Mountain
  - Castle Hill, Maine
  - Camping weekend.

- **Saturday, July 10, 1982:** Lummi Island, Maine
  - Picnic and bar-b-que at the rest area between Port Gardner and Lummi Island; BYO food, drink, etc.

- **Saturday, July 17, 1982:** Frederickton, N-B
  - 9 PM N-B: First annual "Maritime Bay Man of the Year" contest sponsored by flag, plus a dance with ladies. Cost: $2 per person. Charge: with NUN membership $1 per person.

- **Saturday, July 24, 1982:** McDonald Mountain
  - Picnics and bar-b-que at McDonald Brook Lake; swimming, dancing.

- **Saturday, July 31, 1982:** Fort Kent, Maine
  - Light music and picnics at Fort Kent Falls.
  - Meet at 9 AM. Chicken is free at U.M.R. Main cheering at 4 PM.

**AUGUST 1, 1982**

- **Saturday, August 14, 1982:** Caribou, Maine
  - NLN fundraising supper. Menu: Salad, linguini with clam sauce, lasagne (veggie and meatless), homemeade bread. Reservations necessary; fill out Ave. 8 cost: $7.50.

- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 20, 21, 1982:**
  - McDonald Mountain, Castle Hill, Maine: Men's Faire gathering. Rain or shine. Bring camping equipment; food preparation items; and a little bit of wine. Food will be shared. Gaymen from all over New England and the Maritime are being invited.

**SEPT 1, 1982**

- **September 9, 1982:** Caribou, Maine
  - B-B-Q: Birthday party. Byo, prop, etc. (same as last year!) 3 PM main/me 4 PM N-B.

- **Saturday, September 10, 1982:** Northampton, MA
  - Septet meeting and potluck meal. BYO drink. Food schedule: main dish (not over $1), salad, dessert, beverage.

**OCT 1, 1982**

- **Saturday, October 22, 1982:** Northampton, MA
  - Septet meeting and potluck meal. BYO drink. Food schedule: main dish (not over $1), salad, dessert, beverage.
as possible. There will be a maximum of 25 people allowed to enter this contest. A fifty dollar prize ($50) will be awarded to the first "Maritime Gay Man of the Year".

If you wish to be a contestant, send your name, address, occupation, any special interests, and "other data", plus the $5 deposit to: FLAG, POB 1556, Sta. A, Fredericton, E3B 5G2.

All contestants are admitted to the dance free. Through our affiliation in the ALGA, Lambs who show their NLN membership card at the door are admitted as FLAG members, for $2; non-members are $4.

**COMING:**

...to the Braden Theatre, Main Street, Presque Isle: VICTOR, VICTORIA, with Julie Andrews. A film by Blake Edwards ("10"), the story concerns a woman who impersonates a man who impersonates a woman. A must see. Playing during the week of June 11 until 18.

**JUNE:**

IT'S JUNE: BEWARE OF THE TENT CATERPILLARS!

JUNE 20-26 1982 IS LESBIAN-GAY PRIDE WEEK:

CELEBRATED INTERNATIONALLY WITH FILMS, PARADES, PARTIES, AND THE RECOGNITION THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED ABOUT IF WE'RE HOMOSEXUALS - WE'RE PROUD TO BE WHO AND WHAT WE ARE.

THIS SPACE IS BLANK BECAUSE NO MORE ARTICLES WERE SUBMITTED FOR THIS ISSUE.

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