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▼ IT'S TIME TO RENEW, FOLKS!

Every October, the same thing happens. No, I don't mean it snows for the first time this winter. Your NLN membership expires. Memberships are from October 1 until September 30, no matter when you paid your dues. If you paid your \$10 during the last 5 months of this fiscal year, your 1984 membership is pro-rated. In other words, to renew, you need only pay a portion of the \$10 renewal fee as follows: if we received your membership during May 1983, you are credited \$1 towards this month's renewal so need to pay \$9 for a new membership; June gets \$2 credit, July receives \$3, August is \$4 credit, and if you sent in your membership last month, half of it is credited towards your new membership, so you need pay only \$5. *Comprennez?* Bon. (did I spell that right, Walter?) THIS IS THE ONLY REMINDER YOU WILL RECEIVE TO RENEW YOUR LAMBDA MEMBERSHIP!!! Unless your 1984 money is received before the next mailing in November, this will be your LAST mailing. More reminders cost money and take time; they will not occur. Enough said. One more thing, however. If your renewal is prorated, the amount you still owe will be included in this mailing on a note.

▼ CALENDAR HAPPENINGS

Here's what's planned for the upcoming months. During October, the regular discussion group meets on Friday evening, October 14, in the usual place. Last month a film was shown, "The Naked Civil Servant." Those people who arrived late or not at all missed an excellent film. More movies will be shown when they can be obtained. Hopefully there will be one again before the New Year. Sunday, October 23 at 1 pm (Maine) 2 pm (N-B) is the monthly meeting and pot luck meal, this month in the upper Saint John Valley. Members should check the calendar enclosed for the list of what to bring. Saturday October 29, 7 pm (Maine) 8 pm (N-B) is our annual Hallowe'en Costume Party, this year in central Aroostook. Everyone is encouraged to dress in your favorite drag. November gatherings are as follows: Friday, the 11th, discussion group; Sunday the 27th, monthly pot luck/meeting, near Woodstock this time. There may be a party held in central Aroostook during the middle of November; nothing definite yet. And plans for December include a Christmas Party on Saturday the 17th, again

with a "Yankee Swap" where everyone exchanges gifts. The New Year's Eve party will be held on Saturday, December 31 at the same place that we had the August party, near Caribou. No business meeting/pot luck is planned yet for December. Remember that if NLN members do not contribute to the various repasts at the parties, donations are requested. The policy set last year was that the Hallowe'en, Christmas, and New Year's Parties would not be the usual \$1/\$2 for members and guests, but would be \$1 for Lambs (without food contributions) and \$5 for guests. (Canadian funds are always accepted at par.) This calendar was adopted at the September meeting in Arthurette.

THANKSGIVING/COLUMBUS WEEKEND IN FREDERICTON

Friday through Sunday, October 7, 8, and 9 is the 5th Atlantic Conference of Lesbians and Gays, sponsored this year by Fredericton Lesbians and Gaymen. Registration for the entire weekend is \$25 (Canadian funds) and billeting (housing) is free. There will be a dance on Friday, 9 pm - 1 am at the Kinsmen Centre, School Street in Nashwaaksis (North Fredericton). The Conference registration will be at the Kinsmen Centre, 7-9:30 pm on Friday and again beginning Saturday at 9 am at Tilley Hall, the location of the Conference, on the University of New Brunswick campus, off Regent Street. You may arrange for billeting when you register. A Saturday night dance is pending obtaining a location. If you want more information, call the FLAGline (506/457-2156) Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7-9 pm (N-B time). If you need a ride to Fredericton, call the Gay Phoneline (207/896-5888) Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm (Maine time) or call any other time and leave a message. Fredericton people always have wonderful gatherings so PLAN TO ATTEND! If you've never been to a gay-lesbian conference or symposium, here's your chance.

BOOKS, LIVRES, AND MORE BOOKS!

Donations keep arriving at the Lambda office. The latest contributions are from our father who art in Arthurette. *Bibliothèque*: Lambda's newest volumes are: three May Sarton works, I KNEW A PHOENIX, AS WE ARE NOW, and MRS. STEVENS HEARS THE MERMAIDS SINGING; two works by Tennessee Williams, HARD CANDY and ONE ARM, both collections of his stories; JAMES BALDWIN, a collection of critical essays of Baldwin's work, edited by Keneth Kinnamon; *JOURNAL D'UN INNOCENT* par Tony Duvert; A WOMAN SPEAKS, the lectures, seminars, and interviews of Anais Nin; and THE MANHOOD CEREMONY, a novel by Ross Berliner. *Merci beaucoup* for these donations. The *Bibliothèque* book collection is more than one-third catalogued, but needs to be completed. This involves typing information about each book on 5x7 index cards, which will be used to sign out

books (your name on the back). The last book list was prepared in October 1981; as soon as the cataloguing is completed, a new book list may be prepared and sent to all Lambs. The 1981 list included about 60 selections; we now have closer to 160!!! If you can help, stop by the Lambda office any Wednesday evening. The typewriter waits.

OUR PAPER IS OUR PAPER IS OUR PAPER IS...

If you haven't figured out the name of the new Maine paper for Lesbians and Gaymen, it's not the Bangor Daily News. *OUR PAPER's* first edition is available at the Lambda office. This monthly is produced by a collective in Portland. The September issue is number 1; the October issue includes a column entitled *AROOSTOOK REPORT: news and views from the top of Maine, by Benny sans the Jets*. If we receive copies in time, they will be included in this mailing to members. The paper is distributed free in bars and clubs and through groups in Maine; it is also available by subscription. (\$10 for 12 issues; *OUR PAPER*, POB 10744, Portland, 04104). The Portland people are looking for outlets in the County to distribute the monthly. Marston's in Presque Isle, perhaps the only bookstore in Aroostook, in addition to York's in Houlton, was approached. Mrs. Marston was asked if she would distribute *OUR PAPER*. She sat there with a stern expression on her face and shook her head. When it was pointed out that her bookstore carries such male-oriented magazines such as *Honcho*, *Mandate*, and *Numbers*, she had no reply. She just sat there with a stern expression on her face and shook her head. When it was pointed out again that *OUR PAPER* was a newspaper with articles, interviews, and news items, and the others were *Playboy*-types, she just shook her head, which held a stern expression upon her countenance. My recommendation is (1) next time you're in Presque Isle, ask at the desk if they carry *OUR PAPER*, or better yet, go upstairs and ask Mrs. Marston if she will carry it -- you'll love her visage -- and see if she will talk. (2) If you purchase those gay photo magazines with men in them, don't go to Marston's to get them. They sell them in Caribou also, at Habeeb's on Hershel Street. You may tell Marston's why you're not going to patronize her store. Perhaps you could write a letter to her; or a letter to *Honcho*, or whichever magazine you buy, and tell them you suggest that they no longer allow her to distribute their magazine. She probably doesn't mind selling skin mags because she makes money and it doesn't say GAY AND LESBIAN in big print on the cover. Giving away a free paper gets her no addition to her bank account.



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▼ KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE TUBE

We're still waiting for word from Susan Kimball of WAGM-TV about the date of the airing of the segment about gays in Aroostook, an interview two Lambs had with her during the summer. It is one of 5 parts; she probably has not finished the other four parts yet. She said she'd call the Phoneline when she knew it would be on the air. It will be on the 6 pm news (7 pm in N-B). That's channel 8 in Presque Isle; who knows what number on your cable. Watch for it.

- ▼ THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH, FOLKS. There's just enough time to get you the information about the Fredericton weekend. Hope to see as many Lambettes there as possible. Our best turn-out yet was in Orono 2 years ago when almost half of our membership was at the Maine Symposium. Fredericton is much closer than Bangor and with a three-day weekend for everyone, it's a good chance to get away from the potato fields and your aching backs. See you in F'tn on the 7th!

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- FREDERICTON: FLAG, POB 1556, Sta.A., E3B 5G2; FLAGline - 506/457-2156
- ORONO: Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, Univ. of Maine; meets on Sundays, 7 pm, Peabody Lounge, 3rd floor, Memorial Union
- SAINT JOHN: LAGO-SJ, POB 6494, Sta.A, E2L 4R9
- MONCTON: Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton, CP 7102, Riverview, N-B, E1B 1V0
- HALIFAX: Gay Alliance for Equality, Box 3611, So.Postal Sta., B3J 3K6; 902/429-6969, Mon, Tues, Wed, 7-9 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat, 7-10 pm
- QUÉBEC CITY: Télégai, 418/522-2555, lun-ven, 1900-2300 hrs.
- WEBWORK, women's correspondence club, New England and the Maritimes - Box 131-N, Calais, Maine 04619
- MAINE LESBIAN FEMINISTS: POB 125, Belfast 04915
- NORTHERN MAINE AND NEW BRUNSWICK: NLN, CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736
Télégai/Gay Phoneline: 207/896-5888, Wed/mer: 7-9 pm (Eastern time)

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