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# THE (F)AMILY (A)FFAIRS (N)EWSLETTER

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,  
QUEER, AND INTERSEX COMMUNITY

FOLLOW YOUR HEART - DO YOUR PART - CHERISH OUR FAMILY

FEBRUARY 1, 2015

## NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

No reminders this issue.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*This category is for non-social notices about GLBTQI community members that you think other GLBTQI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.*

### Announcements:

**GROWING UP DIFFERENTLY: A MAINE LGBTQA MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ART CONTEST.** For several years high school youth attending the Rainbow Ball Weekend have been able to participate in a juried talent competition. This year we are expanding to include a juried art contest from youth that explores gender identity and sexual orientation. Our excellent judges, Linda Eastman, Bernie Vinzani, and Libra Gately are artists who have been involved with and supported previous Rainbow Ball Weekends. The winning pieces will be included in a professional photography exhibit by Linda Eastman at the University of Maine at Machias. The exhibition is supporting the 8th Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend, April 10-12, 2015. The Gallery Opening/Reception is Friday evening April 10th and it is hoped the winners will be able to attend. Food, housing, and transportation support provided. Submissions are now being accepted on a 'closed' facebook page (not available for viewing by the public). The last day to submit is Friday February 27th with winners being announced on Monday March 16th. First, second, third, and honorable mention winners will be contacted about where they need to mail their artwork the following week to give time for the Gallery installation in advance of the Rainbow Ball Weekend. Contest Procedures are here. If you have questions or to possibly schedule a school visit regarding the competition theme or rules, please contact Linda Eastman at: [aestudio@myfairpoint.net](mailto:aestudio@myfairpoint.net) Please share this info with any applicable high school students!

**SAGE MAINE OPENS DROP-IN CENTER IN BANGOR FEBRUARY 6, 12 NOON TO 4 PM.** SAGE Maine has a new office in the Health Equity Center, 106 Pine Street, Bangor. We will host an informal drop-in center on Fridays from noon to 4 pm each week. We invite SAGE Maine members and friends to stop by for a few minutes or stay a while and play some board or card games, watch a video, chat, and enjoy some light refreshments. Nancy, our Intern from the Center on Aging, and Doug, SAGE Maine Executive Director, will take turns hosting the center. Bring your ideas for activities, discussions, and other programs you would like to see SAGE Maine organize in the Bangor area. The Center is just north of State Street one block east of Broadway; parking is in front of the building or on the street. SAGE Maine, an affiliate of Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders, is a state-wide organization. We seek to connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks who are seasoned with each other and with other LGBT folks who enjoy social activities and education about growing older in Maine. We have a statewide Meetup Group ([MeetUp.com](http://MeetUp.com)) and a MeetUp Group in the Bangor and Portland areas. You can join any or

all of them if you wish. Also visit our Web site: [www.sagemaine.org](http://www.sagemaine.org) to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact [Doug@sagemaine.org](mailto:Doug@sagemaine.org).

**PORTLAND OUTRIGHT MOVING ON FEBRUARY 4.** We know many of you have been wondering what [Portland Outright - Maine](#) has been up to these past few months and after lots of hard work behind the scenes we're excited to finally tell you that Outright is moving & we're moving in with our friends at the Southern Maine Workers' Center! This move will mean a better, more accessible, longterm space for Outright but what we think is most incredible about it is WAY bigger than that. This move is about building community! This move is about recognizing that LGBTQ+ liberation & youth justice is already connected to the mission of the Workers' Center to build a worker-led movement for justice! This move is about us & you & our collective dreams for a better city, state, & world! This move is about creating a more tender movement with more tenderness! DROP-IN will move over to 68 Washington Ave on Weds. February 4th and we'll be talking more about what this means for Outright in the coming weeks, but for now GET EXCITED because this is a big deal!

**ORGANIZATION SEEKING RESPONSIBLE AND DEPENDABLE MENTORS FOR LGBTQ AND ALLIED YOUTH OUTRIGHT PROGRAM.** The Down East AIDS Network and the Health Equity Alliance is accepting volunteers to act as mentors for upcoming youth programs in Bangor and Ellsworth. Meetings will be held every other Thursday night from 5 to 7 pm and will work to provide a safe space and welcoming environment for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 22 and under. Participants will oversee group discussions, games, a shared meal, and assist with creating an open and affirming environment for youth. The first Outright meeting will take place in Ellsworth on January 29th and in Bangor on February 5th from 5 to 7 pm. Background checks will be required. For more information or to enroll as a mentor please contact Stormy at (207)990-3626 or by email at [stormy@mainehealthequity.org](mailto:stormy@mainehealthequity.org)

### **OP/EDs:**

*This is your chance to spout off (or offer your insightful thoughts and opinions) about ANYTHING related to the GLBTQI community. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit. Please keep your thoughts as succinct (and civilized) as possible. Subscribers should be willing to allow at least their first name and an email address to be listed with the posting.*

**No op-eds this issue.**

### **EVENTS (CHANGING):**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**February 3** (Tuesday). **Portland. RESPECT DETECTORS: Responding to Relationship Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community.** 5:30-8:30 P.M. at the University of Southern Maine Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity, 143B Woodbury Campus Center. Dinner Provided. RSVP to [lorraine.kessler@maine.edu](mailto:lorraine.kessler@maine.edu) by end of day Monday, 2/2. All Are Welcome. This will be followed by a series of Skill Building and Supportive Group work starting Wednesday, February 4th in the CSGD. Contact Lorraine Kessler, BSW Intern for the CSGD at [lorraine.kessler@maine.edu](mailto:lorraine.kessler@maine.edu) Other questions, please feel free to contact: Sarah Holmes at [sholmes@usm.maine.edu](mailto:sholmes@usm.maine.edu) or 780-5767.

**February 6 – 8** (Friday – Sunday). **Sunday River. LGBT Ski Weekend.** DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA) is teaming up again with **Sunday River** during their annual LGBT ski weekend (**WOW Weekend**) full of special events, including apres ski socials, fireworks, zipline parade & headline event: mid-mountain theme DJ Party! (*HINT: Hollywood & The Oscars!*). Ski & stay packages are available at discounted rates for the weekend. *\*\*You do NOT need to ski to come join us for winter fun up on the mountain during this fabulously fun weekend\*\*\** <http://www.sundayriver.com/events-and-activities/events-calendar/white-out-weekend>

**February 26** (Thursday). **Portland. Wedding Vendor and DownEast Pride Alliance Grand Mixer.** 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at Ri Ra Portland, 72 Commercial Street. This month's event in conjunction with gay-friendly wedding vendors from all over Maine and [Gay Weddings In Maine](#)! FREE but please RSVP for a headcount at <http://wedding-vendor-lgbt-winter-mixer.eventbrite.com> If you join us on Peaks Island

this past Summer, this is our Winter season event! Cash bar with drink specials, food by [Rí Rá Portland](#), flowers donated by [Minott's Flowers](#) and media table for sharing your business cards. Come out and join us! Please RSVP.

## **MARCH**

**March 28** (Saturday). **Portland. 2015 EqualityMaine Annual Awards Gala and Silent Auction.** Begins at 5:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street. 5:30pm: Silent Auction & Reception, 7:00pm: Dinner, 8:00pm: Awards Program, 9:00pm: Dancing. Honoring Mary L. Bonauto with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Guest Hosts: Blake and Eva from the Coast 93.1 Morning Show. Live Music: Jennifer Miller and The Eleanors and a surprise guest performance!! Partner for Equality Award: University of Southern Maine Center for Sexualities & Gender Diversity. Young Leader Award: AJ Yarn. Out Front Volunteer Leadership Award: Davida Ammerman, Benn Marine, Betty Smith, Maggie Zall. Cameron Duncan Award: Jason Pendergast. Tickets: \$85 each. Sliding scale and youth tickets available upon request. Host and sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Chris O'Connor at [coconnor@equalitymaine.org](mailto:coconnor@equalitymaine.org) or call 207-761-3732 x19. Special Thanks to Equality Maine's sponsors: Champion: TD Bank Trailblazer: Five County Credit Union, Norway Savings Bank Advocate: Ocean Gate Realty, Ultimate Software. Buy tickets at: <http://www.equalitymaine.org/gala>

**March 28** (Saturday). **Bangor. March Dragness 6.** 7-9 P.M. at Hollywood Slots, 500 Main Street. We're pleased to bring you our annual production, MARCH DRAGNESS! This year marks 6 years of DRAGTASTIC fun! Join us again at Hollywood Casino Bangor for all the fun and excitement!! Per usual, we'll have the cash bar available all night. This is an \*18\* plus show!! Make sure to share this ticket link with all your friends. This year's show will be hosted by the AMAZING Shaunna Rai! She'll be bringing some gals with her, and your Bangor area favorites will be joining in as well! Justin Case will be your Drag King for the night! This year's theme is BILLBOARD HOT 100! All acts must perform a song that has been on the Billboard Hot 100 in any genre or era they choose! Get ready for some heart stopping music, epic performances, and thrilling costumes!! This year's show will benefit several different charities. Buy tickets at <http://www.showelix.com/event/MARCHDRAGNESS6>

**March 31** (Tuesday). **South Portland. DownEast Pride Alliance ("DEPA") Networking Event.** RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY....Join the DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA) for drinks & good food at the NEWEST bowling alley and bar in South Portland -- Easy Day Get your teams together to bowl a few lanes while DEPA kicks back with happy hour specials at the bar! Click here to see bowling rates:<http://easydaysopo.com/bowling/>

## **APRIL**

**April 10-12** (Friday – Sunday). **Machias. 8th Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend.** The Rainbow Ball is a prom for LGBTQA high school students and college mentors which allows them to celebrate their individuality among a group of accepting peers and staff. The weekend is a wonderful way for LGBTQA students to meet others who are going through, or have gone through, the complicated experience of being a LGBTQA High School Student. It is a time to meet new friends, build alliances, attend educational workshops, create art, play games, have fun, and dance the night away with other young people from throughout the State of Maine. FMI: Lois-Ann Kuntz – [lkuntz@maine.edu](mailto:lkuntz@maine.edu) please use "Rainbow Ball" in the subject line.

## **EVENTS / SERVICES (ONGOING):**

### **Androscoggin County**

**MAINE FAMILY PLANNING TRANSGENDER HEALTH CLINIC.** Transgender Health Services at Maine Family Planning include: hormonal transition therapy & monitoring for trans people 18 years old & over, onsite self-injection lessons & supplies for hormone injections, referrals to specialty providers & community resources, including mental, behavioral, & medical providers, annual exams, preventive care, birth control & safer sex supplies, and STD testing & treatment for patients of any gender. 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: 207-795-4007 For more information, including hours, see <http://www.mainefamilyplanning.org/page/958-881/transgender-health-care>

**OUTRIGHT L/A.** UU Church, corner of Spring and Pleasant Street, Auburn. Weekly drop-in for youth age 22 and under every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email [info@outrightla.org](mailto:info@outrightla.org) or check the web site at [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org) See full listing below for more details.

### Aroostook County

**NORTHERN LAMBDA.** Monthly meeting or gathering on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email [northernlambda@gmail.com](mailto:northernlambda@gmail.com). See full listing below for more details.

### Cumberland County

**AA MEETING - GLBT,** Portland, 6:30pm, at Dana Center at Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Street. More info: <http://www.csoamaine.org/>

**GAY MEN'S PROSTATE CANCER GROUP** The Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer has announced the formation of the gay men's prostate cancer support group with an aim to provide a safe place for gay men to share and discuss issues regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. The group is open to gay and bisexual men and their partners and friends. The meeting place will alternate between South Portland and Augusta with even numbered months held at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland and odd numbered months at Maine General Hospital(Conference Room #2) in Augusta, always on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30. For more information please email [stuarthunter@comcast.net](mailto:stuarthunter@comcast.net) or [mcclenahanbw@gmail.com](mailto:mcclenahanbw@gmail.com).

**GO PORTLAND.** Hosts activities and events for gay, bisexual and questioning men. Weekly yoga classes and volleyball throughout the year. Join GO Portland's group website to view events, RSVP and stay connected with other members. <http://www.meetup.com/TheGOGroups/> For further information, contact Mat Robedee: (207)871-0216 or email: [mrobedee@peabodycenter.org](mailto:mrobedee@peabodycenter.org)

**MAINETRANSNET** Portland. Portland Trans Only Peer Support Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. Portland Allies Only Peer Support Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to the allies, family, friends, significant others, and other loved ones/acquaintances whose lives are affected by the transgender experience. Portland Mixed Trans and Allies Peer Support Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 P.M. - Limited to Transgender people, allies, family members or acquaintances. Allies wishing to attend for the first time should come with the trans person of their acquaintance, or contact us first if you wish to attend alone. Maine Transnet also has Bangor/Orono meetings. See [www.mainetransnet.org/Meetings.html](http://www.mainetransnet.org/Meetings.html) for the current meeting schedule s and locations. E-mail [mtn@mainetransnet.org](mailto:mtn@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**(PFLAG) PARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS,** Portland. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email [pflagportlandmaine@gmail.com](mailto:pflagportlandmaine@gmail.com)

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND** is the region's largest reproductive & sexual health care provider. They offer affordable, confidential LGBT services, including Transgender Hormone Therapy, STI testing & treatment, and Rapid HIV testing. Same day and next day appointments are available at health centers in Biddeford, Portland, Sanford and Topsham. To make an appointment, call [1-866-476-1321](tel:1-866-476-1321) or visit [www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)

**PORTLAND FRONT RUNNERS.** Portland, Back Cove Parking Lot. Meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113. Please see full listing below.

**PORTLAND OUTRIGHT.** DROP-IN is a space for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\*, Queer, Questioning, and Allied folks - ages 14 - 22 - to make friends, find support, and get engaged with the

LGBTQ+ community. DROP-IN is every Wednesday night from 6-8pm @ the Southern Maine Workers Center located at 68 Washington Avenue in Portland.

**PRIDE PORTLAND!** –Pride Portland! is a group of diverse community members who have come together to plan this year’s annual pride celebration. There is a Steering Committee made up of 15 community leaders with vast experiences and interests, as well as work teams comprised of community members responsible for planning and organizing various aspects of this year’s celebration. Pride Portland! Holds open community meetings on the last Thursday of each month for any interested person to gain updates and find out how to be involved in this year’s celebration. To get involved with Pride Portland!, please find us on Facebook, on the web at <http://prideportland.org/> or email [portmepride@gmail.com](mailto:portmepride@gmail.com) We welcome any involvement and are open to any questions!

**QUEER YOGA** Sundays 4:30- 5:30 pm; 578 Congress Street, Portland, ME (Above Strange Maine) with Jennie Foley. For more information or questions contact Jennie at [jenniefoleyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jenniefoleyyoga@gmail.com) or on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Jennie.Foley.Yoga> The focus of Queer yoga will be creating a safe place for everyone... LGBTQ\* & allies- and to bring together our community in a healthy way. There are many outlets like clubs and bars to meet and connect at- but I would like to create a space with an objective focused on wellness. It will serve as a space to work on your body/ mind and meet other queer folks interested in fitness and the mind-body connection. This will be a judgement free place- overflowing with love- including an emphasis on accepting people at every space on the gender spectrum, in any part of their transition physically, on any mental or metaphysical journey, or at any place in their journey of coming out. Those who love LGBTQ\* people are welcome as well!

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**SOUTHERN MAINE GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network)**. FMI about the group or GSTA meetings, contact the Southern Maine Chapter at PO Box 10334, Portland, Maine 04104 or see the website at <http://chapters.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/southernme/calendar.html>

**TRANS HEALTH CLINIC**. Dr. Masina Wright, N.D. H.M.C is holding a trans\* health clinic on the first Tuesday of each month at Justice in the Body, Portland, Maine. To make appointments or ask questions, please contact Masina at 207-233-3944 or email [thewrightnd@gmail.com](mailto:thewrightnd@gmail.com), or see [www.thewrightdoctor.com](http://www.thewrightdoctor.com) Suggested donation is \$10 - \$40 to Justice in the Body for use of the space.

**TRANS YOUTH EQUALITY FOUNDATION**. New England Youth / Parent Support Group. Meets every third Saturday of the month from 12 - 2. All transgender and gender non-conforming youth and their parents / close family members are welcome. \$5.00 donation if possible, but anyone is welcome no matter what. Meet new friends, catch up with old friends, get support, share in this safe and warm environment, have fun, and share a meal! The two groups run at the same time but are separate. Ride sharing supported from areas in Maine and Boston, etc. Come get support and provide support! Parents group will involve support time, social time and an informal chat as well. These groups are in a confidential location, and we are very careful about your confidentiality. All trans youth and gender non conforming youth are welcome. We will have support group time and time to socialize and make connections. In the parent support group we end also with a relevant topic so you are kept informed on issues that will help you and your transgender child. Join us! Get support, share support, have fun, make new friends and get great resources. TYEF tries to help support your efforts to ride share. We also help with transportation money when needed and funds are available. Please let us know if you would like to apply and we will forward you the transportation funding form. Learn more, discuss important topics for parents, enjoy new connections and use this as an excuse to enjoy Portland! <http://www.transyouthequality.org> On [facebook](#). Contact us to register to join us and learn where. [contact@transyouthequality.org](mailto:contact@transyouthequality.org)

Franklin County



The LinQ -- serving the Greater Farmington, Maine region since 1992. Group Facilitator: Brian Kaufman, Ph.D. 207-778-7379. Meets Wednesdays during the Academic Calendar year from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in room 119A of the Psychology Building at UMF, located at 234 Main Street (enter at rear of building!)

## Hancock County

**AA MEETING - GLBT**, Ellsworth, Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 121 Bucksport Rd. More information can be found on the Central Maine AA meeting site: [www.aamaine.org](http://www.aamaine.org)

**DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK (DEAN)** is a nonprofit community organization with a mission to empower those communities most impacted by HIV to improve their health and wellbeing and affect social and cultural change. By facilitating collaboration, education, advocacy and action DEAN creates a world in which all people are valued and celebrated and health disparities such as HIV, Hepatitis C, substance use and AIDS-related deaths are nonexistent. Services provided throughout Hancock and Washington Counties include: HIV education, syringe exchange services and other GLBTQQI programming. DEAN also offers free rapid HIV testing on demand at their offices in Ellsworth and Machias, and through outreach testing: no blood, no fuss, results in 20 minutes. Earn \$10 per eligible person tested if you host an HIV testing party, email [outreach@downeastaidnetwork.org](mailto:outreach@downeastaidnetwork.org)! For more information about DEAN visit [www.downeastaidnetwork.org](http://www.downeastaidnetwork.org). Eastern Maine AIDS Network has recently merged with Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN). The new Bangor office will be located at 106 Pine Street in Bangor. DEAN will continue to serve Downeast Maine. For more information, contact DEAN at 207-667-3506.

**DOWNEAST OUTRIGHT**, Ellsworth, is a safe space for youth 12-22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Ally youth are also welcome. 5 – 7 pm on every 2nd/4th Thursday of the month at 25A Pine St. Please contact Stormy at Down East AIDS Network for locations and more information: [stormy@mainehealthequity.org](mailto:stormy@mainehealthequity.org) or (207)990-3626

**GAY GUYS GROUP (GGG) POTLUCK DINNER.** Ellsworth Area. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at [wayne@maineguyz.org](mailto:wayne@maineguyz.org) You can also check the web site and get on their mailing list at [www.maineguyz.org](http://www.maineguyz.org) See full listing below for more details.

**(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network.** For meeting time and place please call 667-2358 or e-mail [downeastme@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:downeastme@chapters.glsen.org). FMI about the group, contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email [downeastme@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:downeastme@chapters.glsen.org). You can check the resource-rich national web site at <http://www.glsen.org> and find our chapter page at [www.glsen.org/chapters/downeastme](http://www.glsen.org/chapters/downeastme).

## Kennebec County

**JUST GUYS.** Longest-standing and largest gay social group in Central Maine, drawing men from Auburn and Brunswick to Waterville and Bangor. Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, on the West Side of Augusta.

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**MAINE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER (MGMC) HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM**, 9 Green Street, Augusta, Maine. MGMC Harm Reduction Program offers the following services free of charge: Anonymous HIV & HCV testing and counseling, safer sex supplies, Needle Exchange, Overdose Prevention Counseling, referrals to case management should anyone test positive for HIV & a list of

community resources. We welcome the GLBTQ community and are a safe place for all including the Transgender & Trans-sexual communities. MGMC Harm Reduction Services are available to anyone in the state regardless of county of residence. Our hours are consistent: Tuesdays 2:30pm - 4:30pm and Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4:30pm, or by appointment. Please call with any questions or for directions. Our Phone is 621-3770 or 872-4102 and our program director is Jayne Harper, MS. Phone messages are confidential. Walk-ins welcome during T & W hours. There is a waiting room and unisex restrooms on site.

**WATERVILLE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT.** The Waterville Inclusive Community Project creates safe and welcoming communities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in central Maine. See <https://www.facebook.com/Waterville.Inclusive.Community.Project> for more information.

### Knox County

**OUT!...AS I WANT TO BE.** Lincoln Street Center for the Arts and Education, Rockland. GLBTQ youth, ages 14 to 22, meetings every Wed. 5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Jeanne Dooley at 632-4797 or email [outmidcoast@gmail.com](mailto:outmidcoast@gmail.com) Check the web site at <http://www.outmaine.org> or the myspace posting at [www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe](http://www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe) See full listing below for more details.

**RADIO SHOW: OUT! ON THE AIR.** From 5 - 6 pm on Wednesday nights, Midcoast residents can tune their dials to WRFR - 93.3 (Rockland) or 93.9 (Camden) - for a unique portrait of area youth. "Out! On the Air" is created and organized by host Starcia Willey and Rockland's very own youth group - Out! As I Want to Be - supporting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, allied, and intersexed (GLBTQQAI) young people aged 14-22 in the Midcoast area.

### Penobscot County

**10% SOLUTIONS.** Bangor, Rm. 215 of The Commons, Husson University. A GLBTIQ support group which is held on Monday nights. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at [patela@husson.edu](mailto:patela@husson.edu) or by phone at 941-7990.

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**GBLT ON RYE** (Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Transgenders on Real Youth Education). Bangor, Rm. 127 of Peabody Hall, Husson University. Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30. The meetings are open to all students, staff or faculty at either Husson University or The New England School of Communications. FMI contact Alex Patel at [patela@husson.edu](mailto:patela@husson.edu) or by phone at 941-7990.

**MAINETRANSNET Bangor.** Current meetings suspended. Please contact [mtn@mainetransnet.org](mailto:mtn@mainetransnet.org) for more information. MaineTransNet's peer support meetings are limited to people who identify as



transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. MaineTransNet's open support meetings are limited to allies, family members or acquaintances, accompanied by the trans person of their acquaintance. E-mail MTN at [mtn@mainetransnet.org](mailto:mtn@mainetransnet.org) for more information.

**RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP.** Bangor, Hammond St. Congregational Church. Third Saturday of each month. This gathering is open to the GLBTQI community and straight allies. It is under the auspices of the very GLBT-welcoming Hammond Street Congregational Church. While it usually consists of a potluck dinner at someone's home, there have also been gaming nights and other activities. Persons who are interested should call the church at 942-4381 for details of time and place.

**SAGE MAINE**, an affiliate of Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders, is a state-wide organization. We seek to connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks who are seasoned with each other and with other LGBT folks who enjoy social activities and education about growing older in Maine. We have a statewide Meetup Group ([MeetUp.com](http://MeetUp.com)) and a MeetUp Group in the Bangor and Portland areas. You can join any or all of them if you wish. Also visit our Web site: [www.sagemaine.org](http://www.sagemaine.org) to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact [Doug@sagemaine.org](mailto:Doug@sagemaine.org)

**THE BRIDGE ALLIANCE.** Bangor. Find The Bridge Alliance on Facebook at Friends of Bridge Alliance at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66170430750/>

### Sagadahoc County

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND** is the region's largest reproductive & sexual health care provider. They offer affordable, confidential LGBT services, including Transgender Hormone Therapy, STI testing & treatment, and Rapid HIV testing. Same day and next day appointments are available at health centers in Biddeford, Portland, Sanford and Topsham. To make an appointment, call [1-866-476-1321](tel:1-866-476-1321) or visit [www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)

### York County

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**SEACOAST OUTRIGHT.** (PORTSMOUTH, NH) but available to GLBTI youth from York county and southern Maine. A peer support group/organization for GLBTI youths. FMI contact Tawnee Walling, Executive Director at 603-552-5824 or check the web site at [www.seacoastoutright.org](http://www.seacoastoutright.org)

**TRANSGENDER TEEN SUPPORT GROUP.** (KENNEBUNK) 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:00-7:30pm. Kennebunk, Maine. Contact Gia or Fran for the specific location! This is a group for transgender teens and trans/questioning teens. To maintain the safety and confidentiality of our members, the group is not open to the public, friends, or family. The group is facilitated by two adults, Fran Kessler-Richardson, LCSW, a school social worker, and Gia Drew, a transgender advocate and high school teacher. This support group is for young people to learn information, connect with peers, and find a voice as a transgender person. For inquiries contact Gia at [giabarbiegirl@gmail.com](mailto:giabarbiegirl@gmail.com) or Fran at [fran.kesslerrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:fran.kesslerrichardson@gmail.com)

### Waldo County

**LESBIAN POTLUCK SUPPER (BELFAST).** On the second Saturday of the month, 6:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, behind the library on Miller Street. Look for our rainbow flag! All lesbians welcome. Contact Patty at [hthptty@gmail.com](mailto:hthptty@gmail.com) for more details.

### Washington County

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**THE GENDER & SEXUAL DIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTER** at the University of Maine at Machias. The GSM Resource Center is for students, staff, faculty and community members looking for specific resources, general support, and answers to questions concerning Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transexual, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Allied (friends & family) issues. 100% Society members who have received Safe Space and other trainings will hold office hours and confidentially respond to phone calls and voicemail, 255-1300. Information on the Annual Rainbow Ball Weekend for Maine high school youth will also be available. We are located in 5 Kimball Hall, University of Maine at Machias, Machias, ME 04654, please check open hours before stopping by! FMI Lois-Ann Kuntz, [lkuntz@maine.edu](mailto:lkuntz@maine.edu).

**PFLAG MACHIAS** There seems to be little demand for monthly support meetings, so we are going to focus on providing support for local student groups, and providing support and referrals via web and telephone with our database of phone-a-moms and phone-a-dads to provide basic support and counseling. For more information please contact: Shallee Page at 207-255-1288; or email [downeastpflag@gmail.com](mailto:downeastpflag@gmail.com) and request to join our facebook page: Machias PFLAG Group.

**THE 100% SOCIETY** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the upstairs Study Center in Torrey Hall at the University of Maine at Machias. This student run organization advocates awareness and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, and ally issues. For more information please see the webpage, <http://www.umm.maine.edu/100percent.html>, or contact Faculty Advisor, Lois-Ann Kuntz at [lkuntz@maine.edu](mailto:lkuntz@maine.edu) or 207-255-1244.

### **BUSINESSES:**

#### **NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTQI-OWNED BUSINESSES AND GLBTQI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS:**

*The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone every three months. If you are a GLBTQI business owner, an "out" GLBTQI business person associating with a non-GLBTQI-owned business, or a straight-owned supportive ally who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Zack at [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org)*

**No new listings this issue.**

### **JOB POSTINGS:**

**OUT As I Want to Be is seeking a part-time staff person** for an initiative to improve regional school climate for midcoast Maine lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. The position will be responsible for **conducting outreach to middle and high schools in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties** to build relationships with school personnel; providing technical assistance on school climate change efforts; planning and implementing a leadership training retreat for regional LGBTQ youth; supporting existing gay/straight/trans alliances (GSTAs) in schools and providing technical assistance in developing new GSTAs; working directly with youth through our drop-in center and working with OUT As I Want to Be staff in leveraging and garnering new resources for addressing school climate change. The ideal candidate will have experience/background/demonstrated capacity in: Working with school faculty, students and administrators in the midcoast region; Working directly with at-risk youth; Understanding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues; Organizing and implementing conferences/trainings;

Working with collaborative organizations towards a common goal; Effectively communicating with a variety of groups and individuals; Tailoring technical assistance to a variety of needs; Writing compelling and engaging materials for different target audiences, Working well with a team of staff as well as individually; Self-starting and multitasking, with strong organizing skills; and motivating individuals and groups to action. Familiarity with outcomes measurement a plus. This position is grant-funded for one year; subsequent year funding will be sought. The position is 20 hours per week with salary commensurate with experience. For more information or to apply with resume, please email [outmidcoast@gmail.com](mailto:outmidcoast@gmail.com) by January . Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

**Maine Youth Action Network** is hiring a **Training Program Manager and a Youth Engagement Program Manager**. MYAN believes youth are essential partners in creating community change, and that we all have the capacity to be involved and effective citizens. Help us to empower and prepare youth to use their voice and to make an impact on their communities, and to build the capacity of adults to support youth leadership and engagement. Although our office is based in South Portland, MYAN works statewide to support youth engagement in tobacco and substance abuse prevention, health promotion and positive community change. **Training Program Manager:** This position requires you to: Manage all aspects of MYAN's Training Program. (including relationship building with youth groups, curriculum design, training facilitation, logistics planning, recruitment and promotion, evaluation, and support to youth leaders and team staff assisting with the program), Provide coaching to middle and high school youth and adults on community change projects, Research and create resource materials, and Work as part of the MYAN team to plan and implement our Youth Leadership Summit, contribute to MYAN's website and social media initiatives, participate in outreach activities, assist with other programming as needed, and participate in MYAN planning and visioning. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in education/human services related field or equivalent work experience required, 3-5 years of experience and demonstrated ability in group training and facilitation required. We are looking for someone to join our team who will bring experience with program management, including program development, implementation and assessment, and with strong knowledge and skills in facilitating the learning of both middle and high school youth and adult audiences of various sizes. Our ideal candidate will also have an understanding of theories and practices of positive youth development, youth-adult partnership, group development, and advocacy. This person will have experience planning events, a sense of humor, excellent organizational and communication skills, the ability to work effectively in a team environment, and a strong work ethic and enthusiasm. Candidate must be willing and able to work both in an office-based setting, but also with regular statewide travel and some overnights for trainings, youth retreats and events. Position involves operation of a motor vehicle to conduct Agency business on a frequent basis for purposes such as to transport clients, to travel to appointments and meetings, or to run errands. A valid driver's license, access to reliable transportation, and a good driving record is required. **Youth Engagement Program Manager** This position requires you to: Manage all aspects of MYAN's year long youth leadership program, Maine Youth Leaders Alliance (MYLA) and other youth engagement programming (including relationship building with youth and their parents/guardians, curriculum design, program instruction/facilitation [in person at program retreats and remotely in between retreats], logistics planning, recruitment and promotion, evaluation, and support to youth leaders and team staff assisting with the program), Assist with the design and delivery of trainings to middle and high school youth and adult partners, Provide coaching to middle and high school youth and adults on community change projects, Research and create resource materials, and work as part of the MYAN team to plan and implement our Youth Leadership Summit, contribute to MYAN's website and social media initiatives, participate in outreach activities, assist with other programming as needed, and participate in MYAN planning and visioning. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in education/human services related field or equivalent work experience required. 3-5 years of experience and demonstrated ability in group training and facilitation required. We are looking for someone to join our team who will bring experience with program management, including program development, implementation and assessment, and with strong knowledge and skills in facilitating the learning of both middle and high school youth and adult audiences of various sizes. Our ideal candidate will also have an understanding of theories and practices of positive youth development, youth-adult partnership, group development, and advocacy. This person will have experience planning events, a sense of humor, excellent organizational and communication skills, the ability to work effectively in a team environment, and a strong work ethic and enthusiasm. 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experience and education. A full benefits package is available including PTO and holidays, medical, dental, life and disability insurance and 403(b). The positions will remain open until filled. The Opportunity Alliance is an Equal Opportunity Employer; minorities, women, veterans, and disabled are encouraged to apply.

**Down East AIDS Network and the Health Equity Alliance** is pleased to announce openings for **2 HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Community Outreach Coordinators** within the agency's Health Promotion Program. This includes one opening out of our **Bangor office** starting at 32 hours/week, and one opening out of an office being developed in **Central Maine/Augusta** starting at 40 hours/week. Travel throughout Central and/or Northern Maine is required. Both positions are benefits eligible. The Community Outreach Coordinator's will develop educational/recruitment materials; integrate and promote HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis prevention, testing and treatment activities; coordinate regional partnerships to maximize outreach and prevention services; and provide HIV and HCV testing and promote condom distribution among other activities. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal skills, a dynamic personality and the ability to work with diverse and underserved populations alongside a small and integrated staff. The position requires good computer skills, experience with designing materials and a strong aesthetic sense, the ability to manage an array of complex tasks and the ability to function well independently. 2-3 years of experience in a related field and/or position is required. A Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Social Work, Psychology, Counseling or related field is preferred. **To apply send resume, list of 3 references, and cover letter to: Down East AIDS Network + the Health Equity Alliance 25A Pine St. Ellsworth, ME 04605, [kenney@downeastaidnetwork.org](mailto:kenney@downeastaidnetwork.org)** The Down East AIDS Network is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation. **Position Synopsis: Functions:** Develop educational/recruitment materials designed to target specified high risk populations; Integrate and promote HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis prevention, testing, treatment and care activities in collaboration with awareness events; Coordinate regional relationships with clinical and nonclinical sites to maximize outreach and prevention services; Network with members of and providers to the GLBTQ community, persons who inject drugs, and other priority populations; Coordinate and organize HIV/HCV testing and awareness events; Provide HIV/HCV education and awareness materials, workshops and trainings; Provide HIV/HCV testing services through outreach events and in the office; Promote condom distribution. **Qualifications: Skills and abilities:** communication (good in-person, phone and written communication), computer literacy (able to work with word, excel and publisher, organizational (organized and good time management), clinical (good boundaries, non-judgemental), research (able to find and summarize information); design (able to design quality outreach materials for targeted audiences) **Education and experience:** Minimum 2 years of experience in a relevant field or position including work related to HIV, STDs, addictions and substance use, GLBTQ issues, health promotion and outreach. Bachelors degree in public health, health education, social work or sociology preferred. **Hours:** 32-40 hours per week, some evenings **Pay Range:** \$13 - \$15 per hour dependent on experience **Benefits:** Benefits eligible, including vacation time, 12 paid holidays, health insurance and dental insurance.

### **PERSONALS:**

**No new listings this issue.**

### **SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:**

*If you're a FAN subscriber trying to sell/buy something, want to trade for something else, or have something to give away, this is the category to post to. The FAN makes no guarantees about anything listed here, we simply provide the free listing as a service.*

**No new listings this issue.**

### **LIVING SPACE RENTALS or SEEKING LIVING SPACE:**

*If you are FAN subscriber with a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) to rent to someone, or if you are looking for a living space to rent from someone, then this is the category to post to.*

*Postings run for four (4) consecutive issues and may be renewed for additional 4-issue runs if you wish. Send your listings to me, Zack, at [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org).*

**BELFAST:** Offering downtown apartments for rent. One and two bedroom units occasionally available. We offer great light, heat and hot water, parking downtown, laundry facility and trash removal. For more information on availability contact: [abelfastrental@gmail.com](mailto:abelfastrental@gmail.com)

## **GLBTQI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS and RESOURCES:**

**At Home Downeast** ~ Hancock County: Support for Aging in Place. At Home Downeast is a member-based, volunteer supported program designed to provide residents of the nine-town Peninsula community (Surry, Blue Hill, Brooklin, Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Brooksville, Penobscot, and Castine) with essential services, enabling them to continue to live independently in their homes as they age. Program Manager: Kara F. Janes, MSW, 374-5852. 118 Ellsworth Rd. Blue Hill ME 04614. [www.athomedowneast.org](http://www.athomedowneast.org)

**The Bridge Alliance** is a registered non profit organization whose primary goal is to connect the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) community in Aroostook, Hancock, Washington, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties accomplishing the following: To facilitate the development of a GLBTA community which promotes and embraces diversity; To promote and encourage the understanding that the GLBTA community plays an important role in Maine's cultural, social and economic landscape; To give back to the GLBTA community through charitable donations or in-kind services; To produce annual events that will assemble the GLBTA community in Northern Maine. See <http://thebridgealliance.org/> for more information.

**Bridging The Gap** provides no-cost clinical breast exams, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and other breast health services to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 20 to 29 who have a symptom of concern and age 30 to 39 who have a symptom of concern or a family history of breast cancer. FMI and to see if you qualify contact Robin at Bridging The Gap at 941-2808.

**Caring Connections** provides no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines and don't have insurance to cover breast and cervical health services. FMI contact Robin at Caring Connections at 941-2808.

**Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity**, University of Southern Maine, Portland. Education, Support, and Advocacy for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning, Queer, and Allied community at USM. See <http://www.usm.maine.edu/csgd/> for more information.

**Connections!** Gay or Bisexual male in Maine? On your own and not getting any younger? Want to be connected by phone with other mature gay men in Maine? Network for conversation, companionship, connections for support, help in recovery from medical treatment, ice storms or accidents. Call or be called or both. If you know of anyone who may not see this message, for the sake of community pass this information on. Even slight connections among people raise our spirits. To find out more call Peter (in confidence) at 207-348-2212 between 9AM and 8PM.

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**Downeast (GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network**. For meeting time and place please call 667-2358 or e-mail [downeastme@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:downeastme@chapters.glsen.org). We eat together (usually pizza) and ask



participants to pitch in for the cost (usually about \$5). New members always welcome. Our work is focused on making schools safer and more respectful for all students and staff regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We do staff trainings, workshops at other events, and advocate for student needs. Recently we have begun to work with and encourage several gay-straight alliances (GSA's) in local high schools. We are teachers, parents, school administrators, counselors, and other interested citizens; men and women, gay and straight, working together. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email [mdowneastme@chapters.glsen.org](mailto:mdowneastme@chapters.glsen.org). You can check the resource-rich national web site at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) and find our chapter page at [www.glsen.org/downeastme](http://www.glsen.org/downeastme).

**Downeast Outright** is a safe space for youth 12-22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Ally youth are also welcome. Come socialize or plan activism. Please contact Omm at Down East AIDS Network for locations and more information - [omm@downeastaidnetwork.org](mailto:omm@downeastaidnetwork.org) or 667-3506.

**Equality Maine**, has been providing education and legislative advocacy for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1984. It sponsors a variety of social and legislative educational events each year and is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you're not a member, you should be. FMI contact Equality Maine at 207-761-3732 or toll free at 1-800-556-5472. Their email address is [info@equalitymaine.org](mailto:info@equalitymaine.org) and the web site is [www.equalitymaine.org](http://www.equalitymaine.org)

**Gay Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group:** The Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer has announced the formation of the gay men's prostate cancer support group with an aim to provide a safe place for gay men to share and discuss issues regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. The group is open to gay and bisexual men and their partners and friends. The meeting place will alternate between South Portland and Augusta with even numbered months held at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland and odd numbered months at Maine General Hospital(Conference Room #2) in Augusta, always on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30. The first meeting will take place October 4 at the Cancer Community Ceneter and the next, Nov. 1 at Maine General. For more information please email [stuarthunter@comcast.net](mailto:stuarthunter@comcast.net) or [mcclenahanbw@gmail.com](mailto:mcclenahanbw@gmail.com)

**GayWeddingsInMaine.com:** Maine's first most comprehensive GLBT wedding vendor directory website and resources guide. Gay owned & operated locally in Portland, Maine. Website features gay & gay-friendly ministers & officiants, churches, wedding planners, florists, jewelers, DJs and bands, hotels, and much more! Affordable rates for wedding vendors on this high-traffic site (half a million hits & growing!). Plus, synergy with *Southern Maine Pride* and the *DownEast Pride Alliance* networks, along with local advertising campaigns. Now accepting gay & gay-friendly engagement announcements. FMI call [\(207\)772-3599](tel:2077723599), email: [info@gayweddingsinmaine.com](mailto:info@gayweddingsinmaine.com) or visit the site <http://www.GayWeddingsInMaine.com>

**Get Out (GO):** Get Out connects and supports gay, bisexual & questioning men through educational and community activities. This diverse mix of activities provides alternatives to bars and online hook up sites by drawing attention to the rise in HIV & STD infections, and the importance of establishing and maintaining a visible community. It's a safe and non-judgmental environment for the comfortable exploration of sexual identities. Join GO Portland's group website to view events, RSVP and stay connected with other members. <http://www.meetup.com/TheGOGroups/> For further information, contact Mat Robedee: (207)871-0216 or email: [mrobedee@peabodycenter.org](mailto:mrobedee@peabodycenter.org)

**(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.** Have a question about your legal rights? Visit GLAD's website at <http://www.gladanswers.org> or call the free answers hotline at 1-800-455-GLAD (1-800-455-4523). GLAD is New England's legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD's legal victories in Maine have addressed HIV discrimination, harassment of gay students, co-guardianship rights for same-sex parents, domestic partner benefits and more.

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collection** at the University of Southern Maine is working to capture the history of Maine's LGBT community. We collect papers of individuals and the records of organizations active in the community. Although we mostly collect print material (books, serials, written documents) we collect almost any object that documents the life and experience of the LGBT community (photographs, books, newsletters, objects, posters, T-shirts, buttons, etc). Following professional standards, we are careful to guard the privacy of individuals involved with the collections and

will work with donors who choose anonymity. For information on the collection and donating material please contact Susie Bock, 207-780-4269 or [bocks@usm.maine.edu](mailto:bocks@usm.maine.edu).

**Living Queer Here!** A locally-produced radio show aired on station WERU. An exploration into the full range of life created and experienced by the queer community in Maine. Hosted by Gail Mackinson & Cindy Montgomery. The show airs on the 4th Thursday of each month 10-11 am. WERU broadcasts in the greater Blue Hill area on frequency 89.9 FM, in the Bangor area on frequency 102.9 FM, and streams on the web at [www.weru.org](http://www.weru.org). WERU also broadcasts the nationally syndicated GLBTI show: **This Way Out** every Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 4:30 pm.

**Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center.** The purpose of this organization is to provide educational and clinical services in sexual and reproductive health care to women regardless of age, ability, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation or economic status. The Mabel Wadsworth Center provides low-cost, woman positive health care including: pelvic exams, breast exams, health education, instruction in breast self-exam, pap smears, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information: [www.mabelwadsworth.org](http://www.mabelwadsworth.org). 947-5337 or [info@mabelwadsworth.org](mailto:info@mabelwadsworth.org)

**Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program,** offers no-cost mammograms, pap tests, and gynecological exams to qualifying Maine women (regardless of sexual orientation). If you are a woman in Maine and you are due for a Pap test or mammogram, help is just a phone call away. The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program can help you get the health care you deserve. If you are a Maine woman over 40, have little or no insurance and meet certain income guidelines then you may be eligible for no-cost mammograms, Pap tests, and gynecological exams at your choice of participating area providers. Call today to see if you qualify, 973-3646 or 1-800-350-5180. (TTY 1-800-438-5514) The best protection is early detection! (Jessica Thompson - contact).

**Maine Equity Fund.** The Equity Fund of the Maine Community Foundation seeks grant proposals for projects that serve Maine's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community. Applications for project grants supporting the LGBTQ community in rural and other under-served communities are particularly encouraged, as are proposals for capacity-building support. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2013. Apply online at [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org). The Equity Fund is advised by a group of volunteers with expertise in LGBTQ issues. Last year, the committee distributed \$27,500 in four grants ranging in size from \$5,000 to the maximum award amount of \$7,500. The grantees were: Down East AIDS Network, Ellsworth, to extend the Queer Community Action Group, a collaborative LGBTQ community health initiative, to develop a community action plan to address identified LGBTQ health and social equity issues, Frannie Peabody Center, Portland, to collaborate with four colleges and universities in Southern Maine to launch a peer-driven ad campaign for young gay and bisexual men in order to increase HIV awareness, GLSEN (Southern Maine Chapter), Portland, to promote safe and welcoming school communities, strengthen LGBTQ and allied youth, and reduce anti-LGBTQ violence in Maine, Waterville Inclusive Community Project, to use a theater-based approach to deliver workshops and information to schools and community organizations to create systemic change for LGBTQ youth. For more information about the Equity Fund, including greater detail on its funding priorities and grants awarded in recent years, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org) or contact fund staffer Ken Town at 207-685-4715 or [ktown48@hotmail.com](mailto:ktown48@hotmail.com). The mission of the Equity Fund is to strengthen Maine-based LGBTQ organizations and promote community-based initiatives that address LGBTQ issues and needs. A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org) or call 1-877-700-6800.

**MaineTransNet (Maine Transgender Network, Inc.)** is an organization dedicated to educating the public about gender identity and raising awareness of the varied forms of gender expression. We provide support and consultation to health and social service professionals, transgender individuals, their families, and interested others. MTN also sponsors transgender peer support groups in various parts of the state and a separate group for partners of trans/genderqueer/questioning individuals. FMI email MTN at [mtn@mainetransnet.org](mailto:mtn@mainetransnet.org) or check the web site at [www.mainetransnet.org](http://www.mainetransnet.org). You could also leave a message at 207-408-1685.

**National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues** meets monthly in Portland. Membership on the NASW LGBT Committee is open to social workers in Maine who are interested in LGBT issues in general and improving social work services

to LGBT populations in particular. Please join us. Contact Frank Brooks at [fbrooks1@maine.rr.com](mailto:fbrooks1@maine.rr.com) for meeting place, dates, and times.

**New Beginnings.** New Beginnings has served runaway and homeless youth and Maine families in crisis for more than 30 years. Our [complete continuum of services](#) provides an essential “safety net” for over 750 youth each year who don’t have stable family support and are at risk of homelessness. New Beginnings offers several trainings, including Creating Safety for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: GLBT youth are a significant percentage of the runaway/homeless youth population, and they face additional challenges in accessing services. Eighty-six percent of gay and transgender youth report being verbally harassed at school and 22 percent have been physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Schools and youth-serving agencies that are welcoming, supportive, and safe can play a unique role in the lives of these young people.

This one- day training is designed for staff of alternative schools, shelters, residential programs, and drop-in centers that serve runaway/homeless youth. It is an introductory training for staff who have had limited previous training, or who wish to update their skills. For information about this training and others, see <http://newbeginmaine.org/hiv-trainings/>

**Planned Parenthood of Northern New England** is the region’s largest reproductive & sexual health care provider. They offer affordable, confidential LGBT services, including Transgender Hormone Therapy, STI testing & treatment, and Rapid HIV testing. Same day and next day appointments are available at health centers in Biddeford, Portland, Sanford and Topsham. To make an appointment, call [1-866-476-1321](tel:1-866-476-1321) or visit [www.ppnne.org](http://www.ppnne.org)

**Pride Portland!** –Pride Portland! is a group of diverse community members who have come together to plan this year’s annual pride celebration. There is a Steering Committee made up of 15 community leaders with vast experiences and interests, as well as work teams comprised of community members responsible for planning and organizing various aspects of this year’s celebration. Pride Portland! Holds open community meetings on the last Thursday of each month for any interested person to gain updates and find out how to be involved in this year’s celebration. To get involved with Pride Portland!, please find us on Facebook or email [portmepride@gmail.com](mailto:portmepride@gmail.com) We welcome any involvement and are open to any questions!

**SAGE MAINE**, an affiliate of Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders, is a state-wide organization. We seek to connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks who are seasoned with each other and with other LGBT folks who enjoy social activities and education about growing older in Maine. We have a statewide Meetup Group ([MeetUp.com](http://MeetUp.com)) and a MeetUp Group in the Bangor and Portland areas. You can join any or all of them if you wish. Also visit our Web site: [www.sagemaine.org](http://www.sagemaine.org) to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact [Doug@sagemaine.org](mailto:Doug@sagemaine.org)

**Trans Care Collaborative.** Mission: To improve the medical and mental health care available to the transgender and gender-diverse population in Maine. To foster a network of medical care, mental health and other support services treating the transgender and gender-diverse community in Maine. To advocate for the needs of transgender and gender-diverse individuals. This is a Portland-based group *for medical and mental health professionals only*. We meet monthly to discuss trans-related healthcare and occasionally offer events that raise awareness about trans issues. FMI contact: Rick Bouchard, LCSW at 207-650-6450 ... email [CONSTL8@maine.rr.com](mailto:CONSTL8@maine.rr.com) OR Wayne Bachner, LCSW at 207-662-4872 ... email [BACHNW@mmc.org](mailto:BACHNW@mmc.org)

**Trans.Mission.** Trans.Missions is a Public Affairs broadcast originating from Portland Maine, US. Airing every Tuesday from 1 – 1:30 p.m. eastern on WMPG-FM, it can be heard in Southern Maine at 90.9 and 104.1; and is streamed world-wide (except, apparently, for North Korea) at [www.wmpg.org](http://www.wmpg.org). Whether it's trans-phobic television shows, outrageous comments by famous people, or just note-worthy news items, I'll be sure to have something to say about it. My name is Dal Maxwell and I urge you to tune in as I take to the air to give my slant on all things transgender. Trans.Missions is Trans.Gender.Radio.For.The.Masses. For suggestions for future shows or to provide comments, please e-mail [trans.missions@myfairpoint.net](mailto:trans.missions@myfairpoint.net) or go to the FB page [Trans.Mission](#)

**Trans Youth Equality Foundation.** Trans Youth Equality Foundation provides education, advocacy and support for transgender and gender-non-conforming children and youth and their families. Our mission is

to share information about the unique needs of this community, partnering with families, educators, and service providers to help foster a healthy, caring and safe environment for all transgender children. We are located in Portland Maine but are available to all. We have a social/support group for children that meets once a month. We have a summer zine workshop for youth and any trans youth 18 and under can join. To learn more look at <http://www.transyouthequality.org> and friend us on facebook and twitter: TYEFOFFICIAL. 207-478-4087. Susan Maasch/Director

## **SOCIAL GROUPS:**

**Buddy Bikers, Gay Motorcycle Group (PORTLAND)** Guys who are gay/gay friendly who enjoy group rides. Based in the Portland area, but rides are not limited to Southern Maine. Harleys to Hondas, Choppers to Rice Rockets. SORRY, NO SCOOTERS ALLOWED. Annual event; Biker Boy Brunch, third Sunday of August to Amore's in Ogunquit. EMAIL [buddybikers@yahoo.com](mailto:buddybikers@yahoo.com) Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/buddybikers>

**DEPA (DownEast Pride Alliance).** (PORTLAND) DEPA's mission is to grow, promote and increase the visibility of GLBT businesses, their owners, and their allies in the communities that support them. Sid Tripp with Proactive Resources Design and Leah Bartley of Smith Barney have teamed-up to co-sponsor a monthly after-hours gay business network called The DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA). We hope to fill the need for a comprehensive business network geared specifically for gay & gay friendly businesses throughout Southern & Coastal Maine. FMI contact Sid Tripp at 772-3599 or Leah Bartley at 771-0854 or check the web site at [www.depabusiness.com](http://www.depabusiness.com)

**Get Out (GO):** Get Out connects and supports gay, bisexual & questioning men through educational and community activities. This diverse mix of activities provides alternatives to bars and online hook up sites by drawing attention to the rise in HIV & STD infections, and the importance of establishing and maintaining a visible community. It's a safe and non-judgmental environment for the comfortable exploration of sexual identities. Join GO Portland's group website to view events, RSVP and stay connected with other members. <http://www.meetup.com/TheGOGroups/> For further information, contact Mat Robedee: (207)871-0216 or email: [mrobedee@peabodycenter.org](mailto:mrobedee@peabodycenter.org)

**just guys.** (AUGUSTA) Longest-standing and largest gay social group in Central Maine, drawing men from Auburn and Brunswick to Waterville and Bangor. Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, on the West Side of Augusta. Ample on-street parking; fenced, discreet, off-street parking across from the church's side entrance. Fully accessible parking, meeting spaces and restrooms; occasional events may be attended by ASL interpreters, and most films have subtitles. Widely-varied programs include glbt-themed movies, game nights, unstructured evenings of casual conversation, speakers on men's health, GLBT politics or safe-sex, potlucks, workshops, hosted dinners on holidays. No reservations (except for hosted meals) and no invitation required - feel free just to show up. For directions, or to get on our emailing list, visit us at [justguys.info](http://justguys.info). To receive a call from a member of our Steering Committee please leave a message on our info line at 619-0859.

**Maine Street Bar (OGUNQUIT)** hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at <http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php>

**Northern Lambda.** (AROOSTOOK COUNTY) A GLBTQ social group that hosts monthly meetings/gatherings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Location varies within Aroostook County. Open to all gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning folks (and their friends & supporters). FMI and/or directions contact Tess at 694-2639 or Kent at 538-7630 or email [northernlambda@gmail.com](mailto:northernlambda@gmail.com). You can also ask to join their YahooGroup and keep informed on all the doing's via email. <http://www.northernlambda.org>

**Out!...As I Want To Be.** (ROCKLAND) An organization for all GLBTQQ youth, ages 14 to 22, as well as straight allies. We are an all-volunteer, youth-driven organization. We seek to provide outreach, affirmation, support, and education in a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland at 328 Main St, Rockland, Suite 3 every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Jeanne Dooley



at 632-4797 or email [outmidcoast@gmail.com](mailto:outmidcoast@gmail.com). Check the web site at [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org) or the myspace posting at [www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe](http://www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe)

**Outright L/A.** (ANDROSCOGGIN / OXFORD / FRANKLIN COUNTIES) Outright Lewiston/Auburn creates safe and affirming environments for youth age 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Outright L/A hosts a weekly drop-in, a place for youth age 22 and under to meet other youth, talk, plan events, play games, watch movies, get information on HIV prevention, and much more! Outright L/A meets every Friday from 6:00 - 8:30pm at the UU Church on the corner of Spring and Pleasant streets in Auburn. FMI call 207-795-8956 or email [info@outrightla.org](mailto:info@outrightla.org) or check the web site at [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org)

**Portland Front Runners** (PORTLAND), The Portland Front Runners, a GLBT running/walking group, meets every Saturday at 9:05 AM in the middle of the Back Cove parking lot for a run/walk around the cove. Brunch afterwards at Whole Foods around 10 AM. A great way to keep healthy and make new friends. FMI contact Bruce Fithian at (207) 831-7113

**Portland Lesbian Coffee House.** (PORTLAND) Join our community of women to talk about books, politics, music, raising children or the wacky thing that happened on the latest episode of The L Word. All stripes of the tribe welcome. This is a social group that includes women of all ages and statuses. You can check it out on the web at <http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/78/>. FMI about dates, times, location, contact Mary at [laughingmary@hotmail.com](mailto:laughingmary@hotmail.com)

**Portland Outright** (PORTLAND) An organization that provides safe and supportive community for youth 14 - 22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\*, queer, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Wednesday from 6-8 P.M. at the Portland Outright Office at 68 Washington Avenue in Portland.. Also provides outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI email [portlandoutright@gmail.com](mailto:portlandoutright@gmail.com) or see: <https://www.facebook.com/PortlandOutright>

**Rainbow Business & Professional Association (RBPA)** (PORTLAND) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the vitality, productivity and growth of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender business and professional community throughout the State of Maine. Since 1992, our aim has been to promote and support the LGBT business and professional community in Maine. RBPA is a rapidly growing organization with a membership that boasts business leaders, entrepreneurs, the self-employed, individuals from the corporate community and non-profit organizations. Check the web site at [www.rbpa.org](http://www.rbpa.org)

**Saco Bay Gay Men** (BIDDEFORD/SACO), A gay men's support group has been started in Saco. We meet at the UU Church of Saco & Biddeford, every Thursday evening. We started out meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> and are growing. FMI contact Tom Muise at [sbgm@verizon.net](mailto:sbgm@verizon.net)

**Seacoast Outright.** (PORTSMOUTH, NH) but available to GLBTI youth from York county and southern Maine. A peer support group/organization for GLBTI youths. FMI contact Tawnee Walling, Executive Director at 603-552-5824 or check the web site at [www.seacoastoutright.org](http://www.seacoastoutright.org)

**Seacoast Sapphos** (PORTLAND TO PORTSMOUTH) A women's social group that sponsors dances, BBQs, potlucks, concerts, etc. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Cherie at [seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com](mailto:seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com) or check the web site at [www.seacoastsapphos.org](http://www.seacoastsapphos.org)

**Trans\_Port\_Me** (PORTLAND) This is a trans support group located in Portland, Maine for people who identify as transgender. Both M2F and F2M are welcome. We are located in downtown Portland and meet on a monthly basis in a safe location. A screening and interview process is in place to insure security and discretion. Admission to this group is by invitation only. My name is Gail and I am your host and moderator, but this is YOUR support group so the more input involvement and participation you provide the better. Internet support is fine, but person to person support, validation and interaction with people who are like us can have a profound effect on our overall well-being and sense of self. Send an e-mail to [mailto:g\\_g\\_moreau@yahoo.com](mailto:g_g_moreau@yahoo.com) to join the online support group.



**WAYVES (CANADIAN MARITIMES)** For those FAN readers who are near the Canadian maritime provinces there is a monthly newspaper, called WAYVES, which is put out by the maritime GLBT community. It's put out in print copy only, covers all the maritime provinces, and contains feature articles, regular columns, listings of groups and services, listings of GLBT events coming up, and business ads. A subscription sent to the U.S. is \$30/year CDN. FMI about subscribing contact Jim McMillan at 902-826-7356, email [submissions@wayves.ca](mailto:submissions@wayves.ca), or write to Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3S1. You can also check their web site at [www.wayves.ca](http://www.wayves.ca)

### **WEB-BASED MAINE GLBTQI LISTSERVES AND E-MAIL LISTS:**

**Bisexual Group Online.** Bisexuals in Maine and other points north (BINNE). This is a discussion group, NOT a dating group. Located in Yahoo! groups at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/binne>.

**Deserve to Know.** A web site sponsored by The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention which features community resources for men who have sex with men (MSM) and all who are working to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in Maine. This interactive Web site features a community calendar, HIV testing sites, and other helpful information. D2K will provides an anonymous and friendly place to browse information about HIV, HIV testing and men's health issues. It also features local and national news and information geared toward the MSM community. Check it out at [www.deservetoknowme.org](http://www.deservetoknowme.org)

**Gay Ogunquit.** A web resource for LGBTQI residents of or visitors to the Ogunquit area. <http://www.gayogunquit.com/index.php>

**Laura's Playground. Transgender Suicide Prevention and Support Site.** Jessica writes: I'm a moderator at a transgender suicide prevention and support site. It's a wonderful place with a live chat and lots of information. The chat runs 24 hours a day and I don't remember the last time there wasn't a moderator present. We screen the chatters to make sure we keep out 'admirers' and anyone who might harass. All moderators go thru suicide prevention training thru <http://training.sprc.org> as well as training from the administrators and supervisors. And it isn't only for suicidal individuals, a lot of TGs just go there to chat with people who understand their situation. I personally have found lots of support there and made some great friends. The people there are always willing to help answer any questions someone might have. Maine doesn't have much support to offer to TGs north of Bangor, or even much in Bangor. I just want to make sure that people know that Laura's Playground is around to offer support, answer questions, and help people find the resources they need. You can find it at: [www.lauras-playground.com](http://www.lauras-playground.com)

**Maine GayNet Listserve.** A long-running listserve for the Maine GLBTQ community which allows members to post notices, opinions, etc. (in a broadcast manner) to everyone else on the listserve. To join the Maine GayNet listserve, go to <http://groups.queernet.org/sympa/subscribe/me-gaynet>

**Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events (MEGONE)** is a yahoo group site/email list for Maine's GLBT? folks (& friends) for posting announcements of outdoor related events. It's not a formal club or organization--just an informal way to let folks know about outdoor activities that they might like to participate in--whether it's a hike, a paddle, camping trip, nature walk, or even a downtown shopping walk--it's up to you. This is not meant to compete with other groups such as the Chiltern Club--it's just an idea that some of us came up with on a recent trip to Baxter State Park :-). So, if you'd like some company the next time you take a hike, go on a bike ride, paddle, etc., just send an email to [megone@yahoogroups.com](mailto:megone@yahoogroups.com) to let members know the details. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megone/> Please pass the word along to other gay-related lists/groups--the more people who join, the more opportunities there will be for connecting with like-minded folks for some great outdoor fun. Right now, the membership is "open" to anyone who would like to join....however, if we have any problems with folks who are not gay-friendly, I may change it to a process requiring membership approval. Also, people posting should use discretion regarding publicly posting time/place to meet--you may want to simply say "anyone interested in details, please email me at \_\_\_\_\_, or call me at \_\_\_\_\_ " Any questions? let me know! ([mikeondavispond@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeondavispond@yahoo.com))

**Maine Lesbians Listserve** Anyone who identifies as a lesbian is welcome to join. The website address is: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-lesbians> Women can request to join from the website or email me: [pputnam@mac.com](mailto:pputnam@mac.com)

**Proud Lesbians of Poverty** We seek people to join the group as we explore ways to improve the civil rights of GLBTQ's of poverty who cannot afford a lawyer to enforce their Gay Civil Rights, or their original Human Rights as a person. We are open to all people of any background. FMI contact Jan at [janshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:janshouse@yahoo.com) or phone 207-453-2353 or join the yahoo group at <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ProudLesbians/>

## **THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER:**

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" or "The FAN" in the subject line). Note that FAN issues often show up in your inbox from [thefan@maine.rr.com](mailto:thefan@maine.rr.com) due to technicalities of the internet.

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTQI (gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans/queer/intersex) community, sent out around the 1st and 15th of each month. It covers the State of Maine only. The list was graciously begun and maintained for many years by Jean Vermette in Bangor. It is now operated by Zack Paakkonen of Portland. It's crept somewhat beyond a social activities newsletter into a business directory, classified ad service, and community bulletin board. Someday, it may also become a website.

WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTQI-family company for those fun and interesting things you'd like to do. Do you want to host a potluck, attend a concert, or have someone to join you on that bus tour to Boston? Are you looking for someone to join you at the hockey or baseball games, for hiking, or to go to that special art exhibit? Are you looking for canoeing, golfing, camping, or fishing partners? This is the best place to look. Think up something fun to do, organize it, and let us know about it....it's easy!

CAN I ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE "EVERYONE" ?

Yes. People who want to organize an activity for the GLBTQ and/or I community are free to set whatever requirements or restrictions they want to on the activity they're organizing. If you want to organize a "women only" camping trip, a "men only" drumming night, a "youth from age 18-24 only" dance, or a day trip to a water park for GLBTQI "couples with children", that would be fine.

CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTQI FOCUSED?

But of course! Not everyone who watches women's basketball is a lesbian! If **you** want to organize an activity around something that is "mostly-straight-but-GLBTQI-friendly," then do it! However, outside events (such as holiday fairs, festivals, the local chamber of commerce, etc.) that are not focused on the GLBTQI community and do not have a significant GLBTQI component will not be listed in the FAN.

ARE THERE ANY DEADLINES OR REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING?

If you want to be sure that your posting will make it into the next issue, please send it to [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) no later than four days prior to when the next issue comes out (in other words – three days before either the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month). Although I can try to get a last-minute post into the next issue if you mail it later than my deadline, I can't guarantee it will make it. I accept postings from FAN subscribers only, no obscenity is allowed, and I reserve the right to not include a posting for any reason (although if I do reject a post, I will attempt to let you know the reason).

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org)

CAVEATS:

All newsletters are emailed BCC, and the email list is not given out to anyone. Still, keep in mind that while this newsletter is for the GLBTQI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify LGBTQI status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need. Also, listings are posted with information as is submitted to me, and I do not verify them so have no independent knowledge of the accuracy, truth, or falsity of any posts, events, advertisements, job listings, rental listings, etc. Respond at your own risk. Please note also that FAN issues may show up in your inbox as coming from [thefan@maine.rr.com](mailto:thefan@maine.rr.com) instead of from [zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org](mailto:zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.org) due to technicalities of the internet and the vagaries of your ISP and e-mail program. It's still the same FAN from the same sender.