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PHONELINE RECEIVES GRANT

Northern Lambda Nord's five-year-old Gay and Lesbian Phonenumber has been awarded a grant for \$600 from "Resist", an agency based in Somerville, Massachusetts. The money is enough for one year's operation of the Phonenumber.

"A call to RESIST illegitimate authority", the full title on their stationery, was organized in 1967 and has given over 2000 small grants and loans to groups and organizations working for peace and social justice. Resist was originally formed to support draft resistance and to oppose the war in Vietnam.

In their letter notifying Lambda of the funding, Nancy Moniz, a member of the Resist Board, noted that "Board members were very supportive of your work in a rural area and hoped that you will in future be able to expand the number of hours of the hotline."

The Gay and Lesbian Phonenumber operates 24-hours a day with a telephone answering machine. It is staffed every Wednesday evening for two hours, 7-9pm (Maine time). There are currently two men who answer the phone, alternating from week-to-week. More volunteers are needed to help; women are especially encouraged. The Phonenumber is located in a private residence in Caribou. If you are interested, you may contact the Phonenumber by leaving a message on the machine.

RADIO MESSAGE ADVERTISES THE PHONELINE

A 30-second PSA, Public Service Announcement, advertising the "Gay-Lesbian and Bisexual Phonenumber" is on the air over Aroostook County and western New Brunswick. This free air time is provided by "Channel X", the radio stations WXCX (Caribou, 97.9fm), WCCX (Madawaska, 102.1fm) and WKZX (Presque Isle, 950am), stations of the Canxus Broadcasting Corporation. This half-minute of time is broadcast in rotation with other PSAs and can be heard about three times each week, between 7pm and midnight (Maine time). There is no charge to NLN for this PSA.

The radio stations have had some response from listeners to our announcement -- all negative. It's important that if you hear the message on the radio, CALL THE STATION and let them know that you appreciate hearing the announcement on the air.

Management at Channel X has been very supportive of Northern Lambda Nord and the Phonenumber. The PSA is very professional in presentation, and NLN has been provided with a copy of the announcement so that we may take it to other stations in the area for broadcast. The next stations which will be approached are WUPI, the college station at the University of Maine/Presque Isle, and WTMS, a 50,000 watt fm station, based in Presque Isle, whose listening audience is as far east as Fredericton and south to Millinocket.

The March Northern Lambda Nord meeting and pizza party was held in South Northampton, New Brunswick (near Woodstock). We discussed the Phoneline (stories above) as well as future grants. To this end, there will be a meeting April 6th in Caribou to discuss applying for more grants from other funding sources, money to help cover the expense of publishing and mailing this newsletter, a grant for AIDS information outreach in Aroostook and New Brunswick, and future needs.

"Echoes" magazine, the new Aroostook County promotion publication, will appear again in June, in time for summer tourism. NLN has taken out an advertisement, one inch in height, costing \$72. This advert is half the size of NLN's ad in the January issue. If Echoes is successful, it will continue publishing as a quarterly. Pending any response from the Lambda ad in the June issue, NLN will decide whether to continue to advertise in subsequent issues.

AIDS Memorial Quilt - the "Names Project". Information was requested from the Names Project/New England office in Boston as to specifics about preparing 3x5' panels, in memory of the three Lambda men who have died in the past three years. These panels will be added to the massive quilt which is touring the U.S. As of meeting time, no response has been received from Boston. There will be a planning meeting during April to organize our "quilting bee". No date has been set. If you'd like to participate in the design and sewing of these memorial pieces, contact the Phoneline and leave a message. You'll be notified of the meeting time and place. The quilt panels must be completed by mid-May in order to be sent to Boston before the first of June. They will be assembled and ready for inclusion in the quilt when it arrives in Boston in June.

New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform/*Coalition pour la réforme des droits de la personne du Nouveau-Brunswick* -- A representative of the Coalition made a presentation about the group, plus a request for funding from NLN. The group's first quarter expenses for 1988 have been funded by a grant from *Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton*/Gays and Lesbians of Moncton (GLM). Their estimated second quarter expenses are \$900; this includes telephone, postage, and the preparation and photocopying of a Brief which will be presented to each member of the Provincial Legislature, stating the Coalition's position and the need to incorporate "sexual orientation" in the New Brunswick Human Rights Code. Lambda was asked to fund as much as we could afford. The Lambs present voted to take the money from our Canadian bank account (which is rarely used and only costs NLN money every month) and give it to the Coalition. This amounts to \$333.99. The Coalition representative was presented with a check in this amount. It was also agreed that Lambda would have a party in May, geared as a fundraiser for the Coalition. All money collected at that gathering will be given to the Coalition.

A suggestion was made to increase dues from \$13 per year to \$15 per year, effective at the next renewal (October 1988). This membership fee increase will have to be approved by the members through ballots which will be distributed in a future mailing. The increase was suggested because of rising postal rates. It was noted that NLN's annual fee has only been increased once in eight years, from \$10 to \$13.

Activities were discussed. At the April meeting, NLN's summer calendar will be prepared. In years past, an activity has been scheduled for every weekend from the first of June through the end of August. Most events are

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outdoor activities, and in case of inclement weather, there is always something planned for the following weekend. New activities for April and May were discussed, including an evening of bingo and a spring prom. One fundraising event for NLN which was planned is a BOTTLE DRIVE. Lambs are urged to save all your deposit bottles and cans (please note: wine cooler bottles are now worth 5¢ each!). Then on May 8th, a bottle drive will be held. We'll get a pick-up truck and collect your empty containers. Each person is asked to do the following: * SAVE all your redeemable containers * NOTIFY NLN that you have containers to donate to the bottle drive. This can be done in one of two ways: (1) if you're at the party May 7th (the fundraiser for the NB Coalition) you'll be asked to leave your name, address, and time when we should pick up the containers the following day (Sunday, May 8th) or (2) call the Phoneline and leave a message on the answering tape; give your name, address, and when on May 8th would be a good time to pick up empties. If you're not at home on May 8th, let us know where you'll leave the bottles and cans for us to collect. Something that would be even more helpful is if you BRING your empty containers to the May 7th party! (This would be great for us especially if you live down Danforth way or up in the Valley). One more thing: VOLUNTEERS will be needed to help collect containers on Sunday, May 8th. Again, either call the Phoneline or let us know at the May 7th party that you'd like to help during the bottle drive.

— N B COALITION REPORT/NOUVELLES DE LA COALITION DU N-B —

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La Coalition pour la réforme des droits de la personne du Nouveau-Brunswick/The New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform is a province-wide bi-lingual organization working for the rights of all lesbians and gaymen in New Brunswick. The Coalition's goals include amending the New Brunswick Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against gay people in the areas of housing, employment, and public services. To date, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and the Yukon Territory have such protections for its lesbian and gay citizens. New Brunswick's name can be next on the list, but it will take the participation of more people. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE FIGHT against discrimination, don't miss the Coalition's next meeting, Sunday, May 15th. This meeting will launch the Coalition's lobbying efforts. Participants at the meeting will be provided with practical advice on how you can contribute (i.e. - letter writing, personal contact with your legislators, etcetera). You don't have to be "out" to participate! This meeting will also present the Coalition's brief to the Government.

Plan to attend the Coalition meeting, Sunday, May 15, 2pm (N-B time) on the campus of the University of New Brunswick/Fredericton, Bailey Hall, room 27, first floor. A kiosk map is at the entrance to the campus.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST because of your sexual orientation, the Coalition wants to hear from you!! We're lobbying the Government to prohibit such discrimination, but some people deny that it even exists. We must prove them wrong!!!

To do so, the Coalition urgently needs to document cases of discrimination in employment, housing, and public services or facilities in New Brunswick. We are especially interested in hearing from you if it were candidly stated that your sexual orientation was the reason for the discriminatory action. We would also like to know what impact the incident had on you, whether emotionally, financially, or otherwise. Cases of discrimination need not be recent.

In order to contact you for specific information, we must ask for your telephone number. Please be assured that your identity will remain confidential.

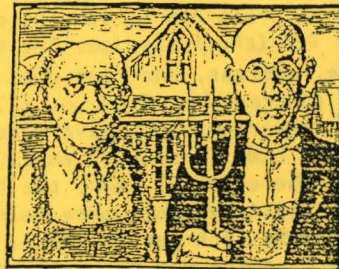
To report cases of discrimination, please contact the Coalition by calling Fredericton Lesbians and Gays' telephone line, the FLAGline, at 457-2156 any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 8 and 10pm. Or you may write to the NB Coalition at POB 1556, Station A, Fredericton E3B 5G2.

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Gay-Lesbian Phoneline/Télégai, 207/498-2088
- FREDERICTON: Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), POB 1556, Station A, E3B 5G2, 506/457-2156
 - CRONO: Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, 04469 - meets Thursdays, 6-9pm
Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union Building
 - BANGOR: Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition(BAGLSC - "Bagels"), c/o 87 Sunset Strip,
Brewer, 04412 - meets first Sunday and third Thursday each month, 7pm at 87 Sunset Strip;
Dances held at old Bangor Community College Student Union, first and third Saturday each month,
8pm-1am (alcohol & drug-free)
 - BANGOR: DownEast Lesbian Gay Organization (DELGO), c/o Unitarian Church, 126 Union Street 04401
207/942-6503
 - QUEBEC CITY: Groupe Gai de l'Université Laval (GGUL), CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité Universitaire,
Sainte-Foy, G1K 7P4, 418/648-2751
 - QUEBEC CITY: Relais d'espérance, 617, rue Montmartre, G1N 1E3, 418/522-3301
 - MONCTON: Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton/Gays and Lesbiars of Moncton (GLM), CP/POB 7102, Riverview,
E1B 1V0, 506/858-1013
 - PORTLAND: Gay/Lesbian Alliance, University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, 04102, 207/780-4085
 - PORTLAND: Harbor Masters, Inc., leather-levi group, POB 4044, 04104
 - PORTLAND: Dignity/Maine, Catholic group, POB 8113, 04104
 - PORTLAND: Lesbian/Gay Committee, Maine Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, POB 5112,
Station A, 04101
 - PORTLAND: Maine Bisexual People's Network, POB 1792, 04104, 207/780-4085 (message)
 - PORTLAND: Portland Pride Committee, POB 5112, Station A, 04112, 207/883-6934
 - BELFAST: Maine Lesbian Feminists, POB 125, 04915
 - OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine, published monthly, \$12 for one year subscription,
POB 10744, Portland, 04104
 - MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE, statewide group, POB 108, Yarmouth, 04096
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- AIDS information SIDA
- Maine - AIDS-line, Monday & Wednesday, 6-9pm, Saturday, 10am-1pm, 1-800/851-AIDS (-2437)
 - New/Nouveau-Brunswick - AIDS-line, 1-800/561-4009 or 459-7518 (Fredericton)

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