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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

MAY 1, 2016

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

REMINDER: If anyone has any information about Pride events happening anywhere in Maine, ESPECIALLY events outside of Bangor, Belfast, Portland, or Waterville, please send them to me ASAP!

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:

SAGE Maine creates a virtual drop-in center using a system of telephone connections at scheduled times twice a month. After signing up, participants will receive a call and be invited to chat with others about news, events, information, resources, and topics of local interest. An experienced moderator from SAGE Maine will be on each call to provide basic ground rules of respect and confidentiality as well as to connect individuals with helpful resources and to provide information relevant to older GLBT Mainers. Calls will be scheduled with groups and times forming as participants register.

There is no cost for this service and, unless there is a charge for incoming calls, the phone call is toll-free. There are no code numbers to remember. Participants are asked to commit to two months (4 calls) in order to provide group solidarity. Membership in SAGE Maine is not required.

To sign up, visit <http://sagemaine.org/virtual-drop-in-program.html>, or call (207) 809-7015.

Mid Coast Queer Collective launches new "Call In Support Groups" for Trans people, and parents of Trans people in Maine. Participants only need a phone line to access peer-to-peer support, resource referrals, and community. Trans only support is offered four times monthly, and parent only support is offered once per month. Participants must be 18 years or older to call in. For more information: mcqc.weebly.com/call-in-support.html.

PRIDE PARADES AND FESTIVALS:

BANGOR: June 20 – 25, 2016, Festival and Parade on June 25. For questions or more information including registration, participation, or sponsorship information, contact bridgealliance.maine@gmail.com

BELFAST: June 11, 2016. For more information, see <http://belfasthaspride.weebly.com> or email belfasthaspride@gmail.com

PORTLAND: 10 Days of Pride beginning June 10, Parade and Festival June 18. For a complete list of events, information about registration, events, participation, or sponsorship, see <http://www.prideportland.org>

WATERVILLE: Central Maine Pride on June 4 – 5 in Waterville. For more information, see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralmainepride> or contact quinn@mainehealthequity.org

EVENTS (CHANGING):

MAY

May 6 (Friday). Orono. Supporting LGBT Youth Conference. RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 25.

A day-long conference at the University of Maine at Orono to promote safe and inclusive schools and communities for LGBTQ youth in Maine. Workshops will cover laws that are in place in Maine, best practices and resources to foster strong allies for our students. Current and future teachers, administrators, coaches, club advisors, social workers, mental health professionals, parents and students are encouraged to attend. <http://equalitymaine.org/events/3rd-annual-supporting-lgbtq-youth-conference>

May 6 (Friday). Bangor. Beyond the Basics in Suicide Prevention Conference. A “best practice” conference at Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street, Bangor offering participants in-depth information and the latest research in the field of suicide and suicide prevention. The conference is designed for an adult audience that has attained basic training and knowledge in suicide and suicide prevention, and wishes to expand their knowledge and ability to engage in suicide prevention in Maine. Includes panel presentation on LGBT Lives Across the Lifespan: Building Safety and Hope, *Moderator:* Steve Addario, LCSW *Panel:* Amy Blake, LCSW, Brandy Brown, LMSW-CC, Bobbi Keppel, Christopher McLaughlin, LCSW, Jennifer Paty, Mdiv, Alex Roan, LCPC. For more information or to register, see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-beyond-the-basics-in-suicide-prevention-conference-registration-21733781325>

May 6 (Friday). Ogunquit. 8th Annual Red Ribbon Party. 5 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. All money raised goes to The Frannie Peabody Center for HIV/AIDS education and outreach. This is going to be the best kick-off party for AIDS Walk Weekend ever! \$20 suggested donation at the door gets you in to all the fun...Signature cocktail, plentiful finger food, music, a photo booth, prizes and of course the RED RIBBON AUCTION! More details will be posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1745513552360991/> Be a scarlet Clown, Drag Queen, Drag King, whatever floats your boat...just wear as much RED as you can or rehash last year's Crimson Cowboy. NOTE: DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PARTY KICKS INTO HIGH GEAR AT 6:00. COME EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT!

May 7 (Saturday). Ogunquit. Southern Maine AIDS Walk 2016. Frannie Peabody Center's largest annual fundraiser benefitting HIV/AIDS services in Maine. Register or donate at <http://support.peabodycenter.org/maineaidswalk> regular updates on this page too! For it's eighth year, we're reaching even higher, aiming to raise \$125,000 for HIV/AIDS services in Maine. Your support is more important than ever - providing critical direct services to over 400 people in Maine living with HIV/AIDS, in addition to those at risk. Proceeds benefit medical case management, housing assistance, mental health & substance abuse counseling, emergency assistance, as well as free HIV and Hepatitis C testing, outreach and education. To learn more or register, visit http://support.peabodycenter.org/site/TR?fr_id=1040&pg=entry

May 7 (Saturday). Lewiston. The 8th Annual Lewistunning Dragapalooza! Outright LA invites you to join us for the 8th Annual Lewistunning Dragapalooza! Show starts at 6pm (Doors Open at 5) at the Schaeffer Theatre 305 College St Lewiston Maine. Tickets are \$15.00. The amazing and talented performers making a special appearance for this incredible Fundraiser for Outright L-A are:Shaunna Rai, Daniel W Shackley, Miss E,on Benni Bernard, Cherry Lemonade Conor Leigh Tubbs, ClubKid Mizz Diveena David Wildes, "Just a Sin to Look At" Jacinda Jayson Hanson, Prodigy Diamond Alejandro Rovira, Lady Fatima Blush Kenneth D Sumner, Augusta Piddle, Justin Case, and Youth performers, Raffle prizes, and much much more!!! Purchase an ad in our playbill: Email artwork to

outrightlewistonauburn@gmail.com before April 22nd. Purchase your ad and or sponsor our show by clicking on the following link! [https://entry.donorsnap.com/forms/\(S\(1lzduy5yloiyp3fzpk21klk\)\)/oForms.aspx?id=ZmE5NGI2MmYtYjM5MS00YzNlWJmZDItdDYxM2FhODFkNDU4](https://entry.donorsnap.com/forms/(S(1lzduy5yloiyp3fzpk21klk))/oForms.aspx?id=ZmE5NGI2MmYtYjM5MS00YzNlWJmZDItdDYxM2FhODFkNDU4) Email Questions to outrightlewistonauburn@gmail.com or leave a message at 207-795-4077 ext 208.

May 13 (Friday). **Portland. Pride Portland! Launch Party.** At Port City Music Hall, 504 Congress Street. Ready for some heat?! Pride Portland! is psyched to bring you the 3rd Annual Launch Party on Friday, May 13th at Port City Music Hall. The aim of the Launch Party is to create a fun, welcoming space where Maine's LGBTQIA community and its allies can come together and celebrate its creativity, diversity, spirit and all-around sparkly wonderfulness. To help do this, Pride Portland! has collaborated with the The Kings of the Hill to co-produce this year's Launch Party. Get ready to be blown away by this year's line up. 2 DJs, dance, drag, music! All this for \$5! DJ Jay-C, DJ red tide, Studio 55 presents Soul Sisters: a Drag Cabaret, Madame Sheena, Atomic Trash!, Twisted Cookies, The Kings of the Hill, Ciel Roi (sponsored by Red Hot and Ladylike), Samuel James, MC Shana Natelson!, and more! Doors open 7:30pm, Show starts 8:30pm, DJ/Dancing 10:30pm to close. This event is 18+ ASL interpreted. Tickets available at the door or online (soon!) through Port City Music Hall. \$5 general admission \$25 VIP (preferred seating and private bar). For tickets, see <http://www.portcitymusichall.com/event/1167535-pride-portland-launch-party-portland/>

May 17 (Tuesday). **Portland. DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA) After Hours Business Networking Event.** 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. at the Top of the East, 157 High Street. FREE, no fees or membership. LGBT friendly and ALL are welcome to come business network and meet new people. Cash bar service, light food provided, and a Media Table setup for sharing your business cards & brochures. See you there!

May 18 (Wednesday). **Portland. 2016 Rainbow Business & Professional Association (RBPA) Scholarship Awards Dinner.** At the Cumberland Club. Join us for the 19th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 followed by a few words from our keynote speaker and scholarship recipients. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cost is \$30 per person.. Our keynote speaker will be Shawn D. Newell, Chief of Police, Fort Fairfield. We'll also be congratulating and hearing a few words from this year's scholarship recipients: Kirsten Griffith of Portland, Maine, Gabriel Mata of York, Maine, Masina Wright of Portland, Maine. To purchase tickets, see <http://rbpa.org/index.php/events/event-registration>

May 21 (Saturday). **Portland. Maine Gay Mens Chorus Gala.** At the Cumberland Club, 116 High Street. You are cordially invited to the Maine Gay Men's Chorus GALA! Celebrate with an evening of music, laughter and pride with some of your favorite Broadway hits and a performance by the chorus. For tickets, see <https://squareup.com/store/maine-gay-mens-chorus>

JUNE

June 4 – 5 (Saturday – Sunday). **Waterville. Central Maine Pride.** More details coming soon.

June 11 (Saturday) **Belfast. Belfast Has Pride.** More details coming soon.

June 18 (Saturday). **Portland. Pride Portland Parade and Festival.** More details coming soon.

June 25 (Saturday). **Bangor. Bangor Pride Parade and Festival.** More details coming soon.

June 27 (Monday). **2nd Annual LGBTQ Health Conference with the Health Equity Alliance.** More information coming soon.

EVENTS / SERVICES (ONGOING):

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GUERRILLA QUEER BAR LEWISTON/AUBURN: Join the [Facebook group](#) to get updates on the location. Every 3rd Friday of the month!

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 or check the web site at www.outrightla.org See full listing below for more details.

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Lewiston:

MTN Trans Only: 3rd Fridays, 6-7:30pm at the Center for Wisdom's Women in Lewiston. 97 Blake St. Outright L/A: Parents and Youth Programming, contact outrightlewistonauburn@gmail.com FMI.

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. 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.csoaamaine.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 or 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

IMMIGRANT LGBTQ & ALLIES NETWORK OF MAINE. Regular meetings at 5:30 at Hope House, 14 Sherman Street. For more information, email zack@familyaffairsnewsletter.com to be connected to the group facilitator or find the Queer Exchange Maine Facebook group.

LGBTQ+ SAFE HEALING SUPPORT GROUP. For survivors of sexual or domestic violence of any gender, beginning in mid-March 2015. The project is a collaboration of Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine and Family Crisis Services. Please contact Julia@sarsonline.org for more information.

MAINE TRANSGENDER LOBBY. (includes Portland and Bangor Chapters). Maine Transgender Lobby is a grassroots, horizontally organized, politically active community of Transgender people and their

allies in and around Maine. Maine Trans Lobby seeks to create a community of trans individuals and allies in Maine that is dedicated to education, community empowerment and care, and the principles of inclusiveness and intersectionality. As a political movement, we are driven in the pursuit of Trans Justice. We aim to meet the needs of Maine's transgender community by ensuring access to culturally competent services, creating spaces for visibility and education, ensuring resource security for all trans people, and community development as it relates to economic justice, and harm reduction. We welcome all to join us in this pursuit. For more information, see the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mainetranslobby> or email mainetransgenderlobby@gmail.com

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 for the current meeting schedule s and locations. E-mail 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

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

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 We welcome any involvement and are open to any questions!

SAGE MAINE, an affiliate of Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders, seeks to connect seasoned lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks with each other and with other LGBT folks who enjoy social activities and education about growing older in Maine. OUT to Dinner, a monthly catered hot supper program for LGBT adults over age 60, meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 PM at St. Luke's Parish Hall at 133 Park Street in Portland. The parking lot off Park Street is available after 4 pm. \$5 suggested donation for those 60+; \$7 charge for those younger. We have three Meetup Groups (MeetUp.com) in the Bangor, Portland, and Central Maine areas. Visit our Web site: www.sagemaine.org to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact Doug@sagemaine.org or [207-809-7015](tel:207-809-7015), or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>.

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>

TEEN LGBTQ BOOK GROUP and FILM SERIES Meets at the Portland Public Library monthly and reads texts by / shows films by LGBTQ writers and/or featuring LGBTQ characters. For more information or for the schedule, please call the Portland Public Library at 871-1700, extension 772.

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, or see www.thewrightdoctor.com Suggested donation is \$10 - \$40 to Justice in the Body for use of the space.

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Portland:

MTN Trans only: 1st Wednesday 6-8:30pm Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus
MTN Allies Only: 1st Wednesday 6-8:30pm Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus
MTN Trans and Allies: 3rd Wednesday 6-8:30pm Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus
MTN Non- Binary: 3rd Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, USM Portland Campus, see facebook for meeting room
TYEF: Youth and Parents groups, contact contact@transyouthequality.org

Brunswick:

MTN: Trans only, Every 2nd Friday of the Month, 6:00-7:30pm 24 College St, Bowdin College, Brunswick, ME 04011.

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

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

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@downeastaidsnetwork.org! For more information about DEAN visit www.downeastaidsnetwork.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 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 You can also check the web site and get on their mailing list at www.maineguyz.org See full listing below for more details.

(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. Our mission is to ensure that every member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. For meeting time and place please call 207-217-9873 or email downeastme@chapters.glsen.org. FMI about the group, contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 207-664-3070. 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

OUT ON MDI. OOMDI is a group of lesbian women who get together for ‘irregularly scheduled’ pot-luck dinners and socializing at various members’ homes in the greater Ellsworth/Franklin/Bar Harbor/Blue Hill area. We’d love to have you join us. To get on the email notification list, contact Jean Vermette at megress@gwi.net

SAGE MAINE Last Tuesday of the month. Drop-In Ellsworth, 1 - 3 PM Drop by the Friends in Action Center at the Moore Center in Ellsworth on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for what SAGE Maine hopes will be a regular gathering aimed at bringing together older LGBT adults living in the Hancock County area. There will be light refreshments and the chance to help create a space and opportunity for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and their friends to come together at a time of life that is both rich and full of change. For more information contact doug@sagemaine.org or 207-809-7015, or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>.

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Ellsworth:

Down East Gender Diversity Group:

Trans Ally: 3rd Sundays at 3pm, Ellsworth Health Equity Alliance Building

Trans Only: First Sundays at 3pm, Ellsworth Health Equity Alliance Building.

TRANSGENDER ALLY SUPPORT GROUP The group welcomes family members and friends of transgender and gender nonconforming loved ones. The meeting is an opportunity to find support, give support, share experiences, and create community in a safe space. For more information, including times and location, contact Clara Baker at healthyacadia23@gmail.com or 207-479-4599.

Kennebec County

JUST GUYS. Celebrating our tenth anniversary. 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.

FREE HIV/HEP C TESTING! Walk-in Hours: Every Wednesday from 1pm-5pm Starting Wednesday, 5/6. Also available by appointment after-hours or weekends. For sexually active gay/bi/queer/SGL guys and trans* folks: \$10 incentive to get tested, PLUS, \$5 referral reward to bring in other men who have sex with men. Hepatitis C testing also available for people who have injected drugs; \$5 incentive. Where: 9 Green St, Augusta; 2nd Floor with the Horizons Program. Sponsored by the Down East AIDS Network + Health Equity Alliance. FMI: Call or text Vanessa, Central Outreach Coordinator @ 242-0709 or vanessa@mainehealthequityalliance.org

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SAGE MAINE SAGE Maine is excited to be starting a drop-in social support group for LGBT individuals -- of all ages -- in Central Maine. We will meet on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month. Enjoy companionship and community in a safe, respectful, and accessible space with discussion of news, arts, entertainment, politics, and anything else you bring to the table. The **2nd Wednesday of the month** will be a 'drop-out' event -- a local venue for coffee, dining, or cultural events will be announced on our Facebook Page and on the Central Maine SAGE Meetup.com page! On the 4th Wednesday of the month, we meet in the conference room in the beautiful Romanesque Revival Old Post Office building in downtown Augusta: Old Post Office, 295 Water Street, Augusta. (Parking and entrance in rear of building on Kennebec River side.) For more information, contact doug@sagemaine.org or [207-809-7015](tel:207-809-7015), or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>.

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Waterville:

Trans-only, Fourth Friday 6pm, Pleasant Street Methodist Church.

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://wicpme.wordpress.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/Waterville.Inclusive.Community.Project> for more information.

WATERVILLE TRANS ONLY PEER SUPPORT MEETING on the 4th Friday of the month from 6-7:30 P.M. - Limited to people who identify as transgender/genderqueer/gender-variant or are questioning their gender identity. Meeting is held at the Pleasant Street Methodist Church.

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 Check the web site at <http://www.outmaine.org> or the myspace posting at 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, transgender, queer, questioning, allied, and intersex (GLBTQQAI) young people aged 14-22 in the Midcoast area.

SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP We're a new support group for adults meeting in Camden and Rockland. All events are free. Straight & Cisgender partners and friends are welcome to attend. We're a new support group for adults meeting in Camden and Rockland. All events are free. Straight & Cisgender

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Lincoln County

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SAGE Maine (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) Drop-in Meetings. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1 to 3 P.M. SAGE Maine BRINGING OLDER ADULTS TOGETHER for conversations and connections: a new First & Third Wednesday of the month Drop IN between 1 and 3 PM at: SPECTRUM GENERATIONS COASTAL COMMUNITY CENTER 521 Maine Street, Suite 8 (behind Subway; park in the rear) Damariscotta, ME 04543. Drop by Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for what SAGE Maine hopes will be a regular gathering aimed at bringing together older adults living in the Midcoast region. There will be light refreshments and the chance to help create a space and opportunity for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and their friends to come together at a time of life that is both rich and full of change. For more information or if you are interested in dropping in yet are unable to attend this gathering please contact SAGE board member Mitzi Lichtman at mitzi@sagemaine.org, or by phone at 207-809-7015 or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>. Donation to the Coastal Community Center \$1 per person. For directions and information about other programs and activities taking place at Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center please call 563-1363 or go to <http://www.spectrumgenerations.org/coastal-center>.

Penobscot County

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DOWNEAST OUTRIGHT, Bangor, is a safe space for youth 12-22 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and/or questioning. Ally youth are also welcome. Drop-in from 5 - 7 pm, every 1st/3rd Thursday of the month, at 106 Pine St. Please contact Stormy at Down East AIDS Network for locations and more information: stormy@mainehealthequity.org or (207)990-3626

MAINE TRANSGENDER LOBBY. (includes Bangor and Portland Chapters). Maine Transgender Lobby is a grassroots, horizontally organized, politically active community of Transgender people and their allies in and around Maine. Maine Trans Lobby seeks to create a community of trans individuals and allies in Maine that is dedicated to education, community empowerment and care, and the principles of inclusiveness and intersectionality. As a political movement, we are driven in the pursuit of Trans Justice. We aim to meet the needs of Maine's transgender community by ensuring access to culturally competent services, creating spaces for visibility and education, ensuring resource security for all trans people, and community development as it relates to economic justice, and harm reduction. We welcome all to join us in

this pursuit. For more information, see the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mainetranslobby> or email mainetransgenderlobby@gmail.com

MAINETRANSNET Bangor. Support groups meet the first Monday of each month from 6 – 7:30 P.M. at 106 Pine St., Bangor, ME. 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 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 Bangor Drop-In Center is every Friday from 12 to 4 and offers light refreshments, games, & chat at the Health Equity Center, 106 Pine Street, Bangor. 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](https://www.meetup.com/SAGE-Maine/)) 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 to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact Doug@sagemaine.org, or 207-809-7015, or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>.

THE BRIDGE ALLIANCE. Bangor. Find The Bridge Alliance on Facebook at Friends of Bridge Alliance at <https://www.facebook.com/TheBridgeAlliance> or contact us through email at bridgealliance.maine@gmail.com

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Bangor:

MTN: Trans Only 1st Monday of the month 6:00-7:30, 106 Pine St. Bangor, ME 04401 Health Equity Alliance.

Sagadahoc County

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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

LIST OF TRANS SUPPORT GROUPS:

Kennebunkport:

Gender Innovation: Trans youth programming, contact giadrew2@gmail.com FMI.

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 or Fran at fran.kesslerrichardson@gmail.com

Washington County

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FACEBOOK GROUP TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON COUNTY GSTAs. There is a new Facebook group for networking to promote the establishment of GSTAs in Washington County schools. Go to Facebook, search for the group “Washington County for GSTAs”, and submit a “join” request.

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 134 Sennett Hall, University of Maine at Machias, Machias, ME 04654, please check open hours before stopping by! FMI Lois-Ann Kuntz, 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 and request to join our facebook page: Machias PFLAG Group.

THE 100% SOCIETY meets Tuesdays 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 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

No new listings this issue.

JOB POSTINGS:

No listings this issue.

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.

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

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

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 <https://www.facebook.com/TheBridgeAlliance> for more information or contact us through email at bridgealliance.maine@gmail.com.

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.

Celtic. Trans. Fusion. (CTF) is a hybrid mix of highly relevant LGBT news stories from around the world and a showcase for contemporary Celtic music covering the British Isles and beyond that airs every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Eastern Time on WMPG, [Broadcasting @ WMPG-fm. 90.9/104.1](#) and [www.wmpg.org](#). For questions or comments, you can either post on the Celtic Trans Fusion FB page or e-mail ctf.wmpg@yahoo.com. Be sure to tune in on Thursdays and get your Irish on!

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.

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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. 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 transgender-alliances (GSTA'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 664-3070. OR email downeastme@chapters.glsen.org. You can check the resource-rich national web site at www.glsen.org and find our chapter page at 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@downeastaidsnetwork.org or 667-3506.

Equity and Excellence in Maine Schools (EEMS) is an outreach initiative of the University of Southern Maine (USM) School of Education and Human Development (SEHD). The mission of EEMS is to promote awareness of equity issues and to provide resources and supports to help ensure excellence in education for all children in Maine schools. EEMS provides a Maine-based clearinghouse of resources related to equity in K-12 schools. Resources include web links to organizations and teacher materials. In addition, workshops and contract services are available for professional development to support culturally responsive practices for teachers, administrators, and staff; equity audits related to student achievement, program funding, student access to programming, and teacher quality; and consultation with schools and districts regarding the implementation of best practices for equity and excellence. <http://usm.maine.edu/eems>

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 and the web site is 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 Center and the next, Nov. 1 at Maine General. For more information please email stuarthunter@comcast.net or mcclenahanbw@gmail.com

GayWeddingsInMaine.com: (GWM): Maine's first most comprehensive GLBT friendly wedding vendor directory website and resources guide. Gay owned & operated locally in Portland, Maine, the website features hundreds of gay & gay-friendly ministers & officiants, churches, wedding planners, florists, jewelers, DJs and bands, hotels, and more! Affordable rates for wedding vendors on this high-traffic site (half a million hits & growing!). List your business as "gay owned & operated" if you choose to do so. Plus, synergy with the DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA) networking group and seasonal business after hours events. FMI, call (207)772-3599, email: info@gayweddingsinmaine.com, or visit the website at: <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

(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.

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. 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 and transgender people regardless of age, ability, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation or economic status. The Mabel Wadsworth Center provides low-cost, client-centered positive health care including: pelvic exams, chest/breast exams, hormone therapy, health education, pregnancy care, pap tests, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information: www.mabelwadsworth.org. 947-5337 or 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. The Equity Fund is advised by a group of volunteers with expertise in LGBTQ issues. For more information about the Equity Fund, including greater detail on its funding priorities and grants awarded in recent years, visit www.mainecef.org or contact fund staffer Ken Town at 207-685-4715 or 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 or call 1-877-700-6800.

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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 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/>

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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 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) and a MeetUp Group in the Bangor and Portland areas. You can join any or all of them if you wish. SAGE Maine has also created a virtual drop-in center using a system of telephone connections at scheduled times twice a month. After signing up, participants will receive a call and be invited to chat with others about news, events, information, resources, and topics of local interest. An experienced moderator from SAGE Maine will be on each call to provide basic ground rules of respect and confidentiality as well as to connect individuals with helpful resources and to provide information relevant to older GLBT Mainers. Calls will be scheduled with groups and times forming as participants register. There is no cost for this service and, unless there is a charge for incoming calls, the phone call is toll-free. There are no code numbers to remember. Participants are asked to commit to two months (4 calls) in order to provide group solidarity. Membership in SAGE Maine is not required. To sign up, visit <http://sagemaine.org/virtual-drop-in-program.html>, or call (207) 809-7015. Also visit our Web site: www.sagemaine.org to find resources, information, and activities of interest. For more information, contact Doug@sagemaine.org, or [207-809-7015](tel:207-809-7015), or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAGE-Maine>.

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 OR Wayne Bachner, LCSW at 207-662-4872 ... email 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. 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 or go to the FB page [Trans.Mission](https://www.facebook.com/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 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 of local marketing firm, sponsors a quarterly business after hours LGBT business networking group called The DownEast Pride Alliance (DEPA). They hope to fill the need for a comprehensive business network group geared specifically for gay & gay friendly businesses and allies throughout Southern & Coastal Maine. FMI, contact Sid Tripp at [\(207\)772-3599](tel:2077723599), email: info@depabusiness.com, or follow them at: <http://www.facebook.com/downeastpridealliance>

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

just guys. (AUGUSTA) Celebrating our tenth anniversary. 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. 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. 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. Check the web site at www.outmaine.org or the myspace posting at 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 or check the web site at 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

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 or see <http://www.portlandoutright.com> or <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

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 6th and are growing. FMI contact Tom Muise at 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

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 or check the web site at 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 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 , 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

STATEWIDE LIST OF TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUPS:

Portland:

MaineTransNet:

Trans only: 1st Wednesday 6-8:30 P.M. Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus

Allies Only: 1st Wednesday 6-8:30 P.M. Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus

Trans and Allies: 3rd Wednesday 6-8:30 P.M. Dana Education Center, MaineMed Bramhall Campus

Non- Binary: 3rd Tuesday, 7-8:30 P.M., USM Portland Campus, see facebook for meeting room

TYEF: Youth and Parents groups, contact contact@transyouthequality.org

Brunswick:

MTN: Trans only, Every 2nd Friday of the Month, 6:00-7:30 P.M. 24 College St, Bowdin College, Brunswick, ME 04011.

Bangor:

MTN: Trans Only 1st Monday of the month 6:00-7:30, 106 Pine St. Bangor, ME 04401 Health Equity Alliance.

Waterville:

Trans-only, Fourth Friday 6:00 P.M., Pleasant Street Methodist Church

Ellsworth:

Down East Gender Diversity Group:

Trans Ally: 3rd Sundays at 3 P.M., Ellsworth Health Equity Alliance Building

Trans Only: First Sundays at 3 P.M., Ellsworth Health Equity Alliance Building.

Lewiston:

MTN Trans Only: 3rd Fridays, 6-7:30 P.M. at the Center for Wisdom's Women in Lewiston. 97 Blake St.

Outright L/A: Parents and Youth Programming, contact outrightlewistonauburn@gmail.com FMI.

Kennebunkport:

Gender Innovation: Trans youth programming, contact giadrew2@gmail.com FMI.

Statewide, Call In Support:

mcqc.weebly.com/call-in-support.html

Mid Coast Queer Collective: see website for call in directions

Trans Only: 1st and Third Tuesdays, 6-7 P.M.

1st and 3rd Fridays, 6-8 P.M.

Parents of Trans Kids: First Saturday, 11 A.M.-12 P.M.

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

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

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 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)

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

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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 (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 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 no later than four days prior to when the next issue comes out (in other words – three days before either the 1st or the 15th 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

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 instead of from 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.