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The Networker
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Lesbians in the White House??!

Did you know that President Grover Cleveland's sister was a lesbian? UMO history professor Paula Petrik has done a great deal of research on this fascinating woman. She will present her lecture, "Out into the Open: Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, Evangeline Whipple, and Lesbianism in America" on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:30 P.M. at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, Bangor. This program, an important piece of lesbian herstory is being sponsored by the Gay Lesbian Community Network's Political/Education Task Force.

Pledge Walk for AIDS Service Organizations

On Sunday, October 7, Bangor will be one of five other communities participating in MAINE WALK '90. This 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walk will benefit Maine's community based AIDS Service Organizations. The Eastern Maine AIDS Network is coordinating the event in the Penobscot County area. Pledge sheets can be obtained at any Bangor area 7-11 store or by calling Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 990-3626. Registration for the walk will begin at noon at Cascade Park in Bangor. The walkers will tour scenic Bangor for 6.2 miles, eventually returning to Cascade Park. Post walk activities are currently being planned. More details soon!

W.E.R.U. Offers Alternatives

WERU, 89.9 FM which broadcasts from the top of Blue Hill Mountain, offers two regular weekly programs which are of interest to the gay community. Tuesdays at 4PM the station airs "This Way Out", a national news magazine for gays and lesbians. On Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 Kay Gardner and Kathleen Reid host a women's music program. Tune in!

National Coming Out Day

Oct. 11

Celebrate National Coming Out Day in Bangor with the GLCN. We are in the process of planning a panel discussion for the evening of Thursday, October 11th. The purpose of the dialogue would be to give people the opportunity to share coming out stories and to talk about what it means to be gay in the Bangor area. Individuals who would like to share their stories are encouraged to contact Robin Gorsline at 866-7958. People who would like to have their stories told, but do not feel that they are able to participate in a public forum may write their stories to be read by someone else. Mail stories to GLCN, post office box 212, Bangor.

The location for this discussion has not yet been determined. We will include more details in our October newsletter and will also send information to the Bangor Daily News. The press will be made aware of this event, but we will request that they not bring cameras. Although there are no guarantees that they will oblige us, a far more likely scenario is that they will ignore us.

The real purpose of National Coming Out Day is to give us all a chance to extend our boundaries of being "out" just a little bit (or maybe a lot) further. To this end, your October Networker will include a genuine LAVENDER RIBBON for your car antenna, your mailbox, your cat, whatever! However, in order to get your ribbon, you will need to receive the October Networker. READ ON.

Fiscal Crunch Hits GLCN

We are in need of your help in order to continue producing the Networker. Our mailing list is approaching 300 people (at last count 273). Simple arithmetic will tell you that it costs \$68.25 for stamps alone. Additional costs include printing and envelopes. We can no longer afford to send the Networker for free as we did this past year. If you wish to continue to receive the Networker, GLCN must now request a \$5.00 annual subscription fee. For your convenience we have provided a form on the back page of this issue. In order to receive additional issues (\$5.00 for 1 year of the Networker!), beginning with the October 1990 issue, we must receive your subscription fee. We would like to thank those readers who have provided financial assistance in the past year.

Lesbian Brunches Begin Anew!

The first Brunch on the fall schedule will be held on Sunday September 23, from 12 noon till 2:30 PM, at the Peace and Justice Center 9 Central Street, Bangor. We would like to develop a monthly brunch schedule, so that each brunch after this first one would take place at various lesbian households in the area. Wouldn't you love to have a bunch of dykes for brunch some chilly Sunday?? Call 862-5907 for more info.

The Community's Calendar

- Wed. Sept. 19: Paula Petrik lecture (see article page 1) Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central St. Bangor. 7:30pm
- Sun. Sept 23: Lesbian Brunch. Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor 12:00-2:30pm.
- Wed. Sept 26: A Rainbow Path Presentation by Kay Gardner, to benefit Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. Unitarian Church Union St. Bangor. 7:30pm call 947-5337 for more info.

****Wed. Sept 26:** Gay/Lesbian Community Network General Meeting. This months general meeting will be held at 6:30 so that people can also attend the Kay Gardner concert. Meeting will be held at Peace and Justice Center.

Wed. Oct. 3: The Networker folding, stuffing, mailing party. 7:30pm Peace and Justice Center.

Sun. Oct. 7 Pledge Walk for AIDS Service Organizations(see article

Thurs. Oct 11 National Coming Out Day (see article pgs 1&2)

Wed. Oct 13: GLCN Support Group 7:30pm, Peace and Justice Center.

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Networker Classifieds

Female roommate wanted to share 2 bedroom apt. in Brewer \$200.00/month heat/hot water included, pay 1/2 utilities. Call 941-2895 8am-4pm, or 989-2647 - ask for Angel.

Looking for books - If you have a copy of any of the following books and would be willing to loan them out, contact Robin Gorsline at 866-7958. Reflections of a Rock Lobster - A Story About Growing Up Gay. by Aaron Fricke. In The Tent. by David Rees. The Best Little Boy in the World. by John Reird. My Son Eric. by Mary Borhek.

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