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Communiqué

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Highlights

OF NLN'S AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

Six members present; four of them Steering Committee members.

- ❖ The computer program designed to set up the **library** collection is loaded and ready to accept input. Target date for completion of work to get the over 1000 volume collection entered is November 1. Print-outs will be available for each member.
- ❖ **Outreach:** Waiting to hear from the Caribou Unitarian Church re: formation of parents & friends of gays & lesbians group
 - ❖ The **building fund** is up \$96 since last month.
 - ❖ The United Way received a large amount of donated office furniture after their recent fire. On tv they offered some of the furniture to non-profit groups. NLN will call about a desk.
 - ❖ A representative from NLN will participate in an orientation for resident hall staff at the University of Maine/Presque Isle.
 - ❖ NLN participation in the Maine Coalition Against Hate was discussed. Further discussion and a vote will be taken at the September meeting. (see story at right)
 - ❖ **Activities calendar** was set. The suggestions for get-togethers was no problem. The difficulty is lack of enough locations for gatherings. There aren't enough people willing to host events at their homes. Labor Day weekend party - left open pending location. Monthly meeting - Sun, Sept 20, 3pm, Caribou; "Fold & stuff" the October newsletter - Wed, Sept 23, 7pm at the Phoneline in Caribou; Horseback riding - Sat, Sept 26, Portage Lake; Annual Membership Drive Party - Sat, Oct 3, 8pm, New Sweden; Discussion group & pot-luck meal - Sat, Oct 17, location and suggestion for a guest speaker is needed; Monthly meeting - Sun, Oct 25, 3pm, Van Buren; Halloween costume party - Sat, Oct 31, 8pm, Presque Isle

The meeting adjourned after about 1 hour. ▼

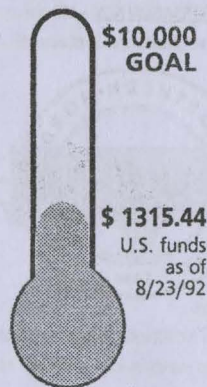
Maine Coalition Against Hate

GROUP WORKS TO COUNTER ANTI-GAY PETITION DRIVE

A group of people, formerly referred to as "The Interveners", has formally organized into a publicly-identifiable entity. They had "intervened" in litigation in opposition to the Jasper Wyman-Maine Christian Civic League drive to require any gay/lesbian-related legislation to be put to public referendum. Now, as the Maine Coalition Against Hate, they have launched a state-wide effort to attract the maximum number of organizations and individuals - both straight and gay - as Coalition members. Member organizations are asked to agree to have their name listed in advertising opposing the referendum drive.

Northern Lambda Nord's participation in this coalition will be discussed and approved/disapproved at the September 20th meeting in Caribou. All interested persons are urged to attend, write a note to the PO Box in Caribou, or call the Phoneline on a Wednesday from 7-9pm(Maine)/8-10pm(N-B). ▼

BUILDING FUND



The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region. The center would house the phoneline, library, office, meeting space, and party space. Since NLN is a 501(c)3 group, all donations are tax-deductible on federal U.S. income tax; merely ask for a receipt. Donations of any amount - U.S. or Canadian funds - are appreciated. ▼

Do more than belong. Participate.

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DID YOU KNOW

FALLFEST '92, the first New England Festival for Womyn, is Thursday-Sunday, September 17-20 in Norway, Maine, billed as "a time to come together, relax, share, enjoy the great outdoors, experience personal growth, and make new friends." There are cabins, campsites with and without hookups, and modern facilities. Cost is \$25/person which includes all activities/workshops; accommodations are extra. Contact: Mainely for You, RFD#1, Box 1085, Norway 04268; Carol: 207/743-2787.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA maintains a homophobic policy which specifically excludes gay youth from becoming scouts, and gay men from being adult volunteers. They even have excluded a lesbian in Portland, Maine from participating in her son's troop's activities! Some United Ways in the U.S. have either withheld or threatened to withhold funding of the local Boy Scouts, and some major corporations have withdrawn their funding as well. Another addition to the public outrage at the Scout policy was expressed in a letter to the president of the BSA from the president of Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who noted "a conflict in policy between our two organizations" and urged the BSA to reverse its policy.

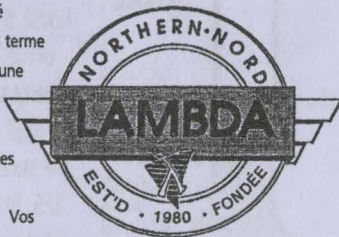
IN THE WAKE of the Republican National Convention in Houston, one tv commentator equated the repeated queer-bashing and divisive, intolerant views expressed by Pat Buchanan and his cronies with the Nazi propaganda of the 1930s. How ironic that the Republicans, who denounce the non-traditional (i.e. homosexual) family as immoral and not within their definition of "family values," paraded out their presidential candidate to a song from the film, "La Cage aux Folles," the story of the long-term, loving relationship of an aging drag queen and his companion!

GAY MEN & THEIR MOTHERS ARE NEEDED by a researcher at Northwestern University in Illinois. The organization Midcoast Maine P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is helping in the search for willing gaymen and/or their mothers as participants. As a gayman, you need not guarantee your mother's participation but should be willing to let researchers contact her, and visa versa. For more information about specifics of the study, refer to the "Son and Mother Study" and call the Family Studies Laboratory collect at 708/866-0924, or write to Dr. Michael Bailey, Department of Psychology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60208. Participants as well as P-FLAG will receive the results of this study. ▼

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Gay/Lesbian G·U·I·D·E Lesbienne/Gai

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD (NLN), CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736 USA
GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE 207.498-2088
 TDD/Voice - staffed Wed, 7-9pm (Maine)
AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call 207.498-2088 to make contact

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ACT UP/BANGOR POB 1554, 04402-1554, 947-3947

AIDS/SIDANew Brunswick 800.561-4009
AIDSLINE/Maine 800.851-AIDS-Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Mon & Wed till 7:30pm
AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; POB 5017, Portland 04101, 207.871-1014 (Bob) or 833-6004 (Susan)

APEX: A Point of Departure, published monthly by Phoenix Press, POB 4743, Portland 04412
DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104

EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK POB 2038, Bangor 04401-2038, 990-EMAN

FREDERICTON LESBIANS & GAYS (FLAG) POB 1556, Station A E3B 5G2, 457-2156 (Mon & Thurs 6-9pm)

GAIS & LESBIENNES DE MONCTON/GAYS & LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM) CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0, 506.858-1013

GALES NOR GAYS CP/POB 983, Bathurst E2A 4H8

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE University of Southern Maine, 88 Winslow Street, Portland 04103, 207.874-6596

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 862-5907/941-2189

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP Portland, 780-4085/772-4741

HARBOR MASTERS, INC. leather-levi group, POB 4044, Portland 04104

INTEGRITY Episcopalian group, St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union Street, Hallowell 04347, 623-3041/845-2985

LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04102

MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 10772, Portland 04104

MAINE LESBIAN-GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE POB 232, Hallowell 04347

NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM/LA COALITION POUR LA RÉFORME DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK POB/CP 1556, Station/Succursale A, Fredericton E3B 5G2

OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine, published monthly, 9 Deering Street, POB 10744, Portland 04104, 761-0733

OUTRIGHT: Portland Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth, age 22 and under, POB 5028, Station A, Portland 04102, 800.339-4042

OUTRIGHT CENTRAL MAINE for age 22 & younger, every Fri, 7:30pm 1st Unitarian Church, Pleasant St, Auburn; POB 802, Auburn 04212, 800.339-4042

OUTRIGHT TOO Bangor area Gay-Lesbian Bisexual youth group, c/o POB 212, Bangor 04401

PWA (People With AIDS) COALITION OF MAINE 377 Cumberland Avenue, Portland 04101, 773-8500

IN THE LIBRARY

Northern Lambda Nord's lending library, Bibliothèque Lambda, contains about 1000 volumes in the collection.

Here are two:

HALFWAY HOME a novel by Paul Monette (1991)

Story of "penniless, AIDS-stricken performance artist Tom Shaheen [who retreats] to a run-down oceanfront estate on Malibu Beach to brood over lost opportunities, lost loves...and the disease that is ravaging both his body and his inner self. But one day his past comes calling. Brian, Tom's estranged 'golden boy' brother, the despised tormentor of his youth, arrives on the actor's doorstep seeking sanctuary from disasters of his own making. Abruptly he crowds Tom's life with incident and danger, dragging him reluctantly back into the sloppy tangle of human relationships...and awakening within him a dormant, life-affirming capacity for understanding, forgiveness and love."

HELLO DARLING, ARE YOU WORKING?

a novel by Rupert Everett (1992)

By the time he was eight he knew he would never be a great actress. "So begins this sexy, fast-paced satire by Rupert Everett, the internationally-acclaimed star of the films 'Another Country' and 'The Comfort of Strangers', and follows the travails of Rys Waveral (a.k.a. Dorhys, Dorita, Wavy, Rhyssie, Lancelot...), as he gets himself into trouble in Paris and Tangier while trying to get himself out of debt."