

Letters to the Editor

Dear OITM,

I am very pleased once again to be able to make a donation to your wonderful newsletter. Please accept this check as a simple monetary gesture of my appreciation for your work celebrating and supporting gay and lesbian Vermonters.

As always, my wishes are with you and I still get chills from the articles about the M.O.W. Thanks to you, we're working.

With sincerity and love,
Pat Fontaine

Dear Pat,

Thank you for your generous donation and your kind words!

—The staff at OITM



Dear Friends:

I was touched to receive the 2nd anniversary issue of OITM, and to see how wonderful the paper looked. The quality of work that went into each article, graphic, and design caused me to reflect on the paper's beginning.

Having been one of the individuals that was with the paper from its birth, I began thinking about how far the paper has come. I remember one of our first layout meetings on a cold day in January in a Hinesburg farmhouse. There were at least a dozen of us cutting funny clip art, measuring lines and using an exacto knife. Most of us didn't have a clue as to how to design a newspaper but we did have a great deal of energy and determination to see it happen. All one has to do is take a look at some of our early issues to really see how far we've come!

Over the years we have had some enjoyable and trying times. Sometimes we wondered whether OITM was going to make it financially and commitment-wise from the gay and lesbian community.

Many hard working people have come and gone, myself included. Somehow I still feel very close to the ties I made in my "coming out" years in Burlington. Being involved with the paper helped me to move from feelings of real isolation to a sense of community. I know OITM is alive and strong but the energy comes and goes sometimes like wind!

With OITM kicking off its annual fund raising drive, I encourage every reader in Vermont and through out the New England area to make a contribution. Your letters, money, and support are so appreciated.

I miss you all, Brian

Purpose

The purpose of Out in the Mountains is to serve as a voice for lesbians, gay men, and our supporters in Vermont. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians and gay men. We also see it as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian and gay community.

Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. Views and opinions appearing in the paper do not necessarily represent those of the staff. This paper cannot, and will not endorse any candidates and actions of public officials on issues of importance to lesbians and gay men.

We will not publish any material which is overtly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, ageist, classist, or homophobic.

All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the author should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within the pages of the newspaper, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. No revisions or rejections of materials will occur without dialogue with the author.

We welcome and encourage our readers to submit materials for publication and to share your comments, criticisms, and positive feelings with us. The paper is here for you. The deadline for submitting material for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Materials should be sent to:
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International Women's Week

- March 2 - Keynote speaker Diane Balsler. Burlington City Hall 7:30pm
"Images of Women and Work" Photography by Joan Knight, Burlington City Hall, 6:30pm
- March 3 - Film Festival. Methodist Church, 7:00pm
- March 4 - Women's Open Poetry Reading. Burlington College, 7:30pm
- March 5 - "Women's Work: Women's Lives," workshops, speakout, rally, parade. Burlington City Hall, 11-5:30
LIFELINE all-woman rock band. Memorial Auditorium, 8:00pm
- March 7 - Judith Black, feminist storyteller. College St. Congregational Church, 7:00pm
- March 8 - KWANZAA and MATRIX music, drumming and sing along. Burlington City Hall, 7:30pm
- March 9 - Women and Work Panel Discussion. City Hall, 7:00pm
- March 11 - THE WASHINGTON SISTERS, gospel, a capella funk, jazz and pop rock. Burlington City Hall, 8:00pm

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