

Vermont News

New Groups and Workshops

Burlington P-FLAG Group Meets

The Burlington area P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) which has been forming over the last year is presently meeting at the office of OUTRIGHT

VERMONT on the second Sunday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00.

Gary Ireland, whose motivation has helped in forming this group, has described the Burlington P-FLAG as a place for support, education, and outreach for parents and friends of lesbians and gays.

In forming this group, the original members knew personally the importance for such support for family members of lesbians and gays. Two other P-FLAG groups exist in Vermont – one in Rutland and the other in Manchester.

The Burlington group's most recent meeting on December 9th was attended by ten men and women who came to share their experiences, support each other in combatting homophobia, and offer moments to laugh together. The groups expects to see a continued growth of members and may move to a larger meeting space in the future.

The next meeting of the Burlington P-FLAG will be on January 13th at OUTRIGHT VERMONT, 30 Elmwood Avenue.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Lil at 863-4285 or write to P-FLAG c/o Becky Strader, Christ Church Presbyterian, Redstone Campus, Burlington VT 05401. Information can also be obtained through OUTRIGHT VERMONT at 865-9677.

Dykes to Watch Out For

by Alison Bechdel



Reconciling Congregation Workshop Offered

Gay and lesbian United Methodists from throughout northern and central Vermont are invited to participate in a workshop focusing on what it means to be a Reconciling Congregation. The workshop will also address how to be open to and struggle with the issues that gays and lesbians face in our society and in our churches.

Reverend Bill Neil of the Middlebury United Methodist Church and Bill Lippert, Executive Director of the Counseling Service of Addison County, will co-lead the workshop.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, January 26, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 56 S. Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont.

The workshop is open to any and all interested people; one need not be gay, lesbian, or a Methodist to attend. For more information call Reverend Neil at 388-2510.