

Stonewall 25

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On Sunday, June 26, 1994 the International March on the United Nations to affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay people will take place. Gay Games IV will bring over 12,000 athletes from over 50 countries and the International Lesbian/Gay Association will hold its annual conference in New York with as many as 1,000 delegates from over 30 nations discussing the global agenda and immediate needs of Lesbian/Gay groups in many countries. Organizers of Stonewall 25 have been working for months to make this event even greater than the March on Washington. Because it is an International March, the politics of such a venture have been complicated. The United States organizers have insisted that this be an inclusive event and therefore all literature in the US concerning Stonewall 25 will now include Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgendered people. The National Steering Committee is also committed to issues of parity and has taken very strong steps to ensure the inclusion of women and minorities in the decision making.

Vermont currently comes under the responsibility of the New York delegation to Stonewall 25, and while the two people who share that position (one male and one female) will make sure that Vermont is informed of all of the "happenings" around the March, the National Steering Committee would like to have a delegate

from Vermont to share a vote with New Hampshire. Because of their commitment to parity issues and due to the current makeup of the New England delegations, they are adamant about wanting a woman for this position. This vote would be one of eight from New England, New York and New Jersey. If anyone is interested in serving as a delegate to the National Steering Committee for Stonewall 25 please contact me and I would be happy to give you additional information about the responsibilities of a delegate. (802) 878-2903

In the meantime, I will be contacting each of the various VT Area Resources listed on the back of *OITM* to keep them informed of what is happening as the plans develop for this International March. I will also be submitting information regularly to *OITM* so please watch for updates. ▼

Submitting a Letter

OITM welcomes letters to the Editor and will withhold your name or use your initials or first name only on request. However, we must have your full name and address for our files if we are to print your letter. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. ▼

Statement of Purpose

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

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, gay men, and bisexuals.

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.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit materials for publication and to share your comments, criticisms, and positive feelings with us. This paper is here for you. The deadline for submitting material for each issue is the 1st of the month prior to publication.

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