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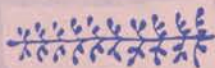
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A Calendar of Events for, by and about Lesbian Women in the Central Pennsylvania area.

CALL HELPLINE FOR DATE: **Lancaster Women's Potluck.** Bring a dish and something to drink. Much good conversation, many new faces. Help Line for info: 397-0691.

LAVENDER LETTER ROLLER SKATING PARTY was a complete success. Over 60 women and men came and a wonderful time was had by all. We plan to rent the rink again in June -- watch for the date. We made \$107 but mostly we had fun.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 - 7 pm... Volleyball. Salvation Army Bldg., Cumberland and Penn St. Hbg. \$2 donation.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 - 7:30 pm... Meeting of the Women's Concerns Committee of Dignity. For location call 234-5850 Hbg.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 - Araby (Rock Group) in concert at Pushniks in Lebanon.

THURSDAY, MAY 3 - ...Who are (or is) Araby? You can find out by seeing them (or it) at Pushniks in Lebanon.

THURSDAY, MAY 3 - 7 pm... Lancaster Gay Rap Group. Unitarian Church, Lancaster.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - 7 pm... Dignity Sponsored Volleyball. Salvation Army Building, Cumberland & Penn St., Hbg. \$1.25 donation. For information 236-1081.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - 7:30... Margie Adam in Concert at Univ. of Penna. - Museum Hall. 33rd and Spruce Sts., Phila. Tickets \$10. Call (215) 985-0401 for info.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - ...the elusive Araby in concert again at Pushniks in Lebanon.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - 9:30 - 1:30 am... Wind and Wood in concert at The Scarlet "D", Mifflinburg.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - ...Zoo anyone? MCC Hbg. and MCC Lancaster are planning a joint trek to the Washington Zoo. Call 232-7040 for info. on how to hook up with this animal-loving caravan.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - ...Who is Araby? What is Pushniks? Anyway, **Araby** will be in concert at Pushniks in Lebanon.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - 9:30 - 1:30 am... Wind and Wood toot it up at The Scarlet "D" in Mifflinburg.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 5 pm... Dignity Sponsored Mass followed by Potluck supper. Program 7:30. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 2 pm... Dignity sponsored Book Discussion Group. Call 234-5850 for location. Hbg.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 6 to 10 pm... Wind and Wood do it again at the Mifflinburg Hotel, Mifflinburg.

TUESDAY, MAY 8 - 7 pm... Volleyball. See May 1.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 - Araby (Rock Group) at Steamers in Milton, Pa.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 - 9:30-1:30 am... Wind and Wood in concert at the Midtown Tavern, 1100 Block N. 2nd St., Hbg.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 - 7:30 pm... Lancaster MCC has invited **Barbara Gittings** to speak. She has been an activist in the gay rights movement for 25 years, wrote for the Ladder, and has been working with the Nat'l Gay Task Force. At the Unitarian Center, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster.

FRIDAY, MAY 11 - 10-1:30 am... Wind and Wood in concert at the Midtown Tavern, Hbg.

FRIDAY, MAY 11 - 7 pm... Volleyball. See May 4th.

FRIDAY, MAY 11 - ...Araby in concert at 218, in Williamsport.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 10-6 pm... Massage Workshop for Lesbian Women. \$15 per person. Grab a friend and come learn how to give the world's greatest backrub. Instruction will include how to give a full body massage plus special time will be spent on how to alleviate menstrual cramps, headaches, and tense necks and shoulder muscles. Cathe Sims, 3618 Centerfield Rd., Hbg. Pa 17109 (652-3295, keep trying)

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - ...Araby in concert (see above).

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 1-5 pm... Volleyball Game: The Hbg. Hustlers (a male gay team) hosting 2 teams from Washington D.C., 1 from Baltimore, 2 from Philly. Come out for a Gay old time. L.L. Lesbian is the coach for this team! At Penn State Capital Campus, Middletown in Gymnasium. Follow signs. (Free).

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 10-1:30 am... Wind and Wood in concert at Midtown Tavern, Hbg.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 - 7 pm... Volleyball. (See May 1).

THURSDAY, MAY 17 - 7 pm... Lancaster Gay Rap Group. Unitarian Center, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, MAY 17 - 9:30-1:30 am... Wind and Wood at the Lancaster Dispensing Co., Lancaster.

FRIDAY, MAY 18... Araby in concert at Steamer's in Milton. Who is Araby? What do they want?

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - 8 pm... Trivia Pursuit Game Night. Try your luck at recalling the unimportant. Popcorn will be provided. Call 737-5570 for location.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - SUNDAY, MAY 20th - Women and Herbal Healing. A weekend intensive with Billie Potts. Field identification, walks, preparation of salves and tinctures, women's complaints. 12-15 hours of workshops. \$45-65. Limit 25 women. Contact Heathcote Women's Community, 21300 Heathcote Rd., Freeland, MD. 21053 (301) 343-0280.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - 7 pm... Volleyball. (See May 4th).

FRIDAY, MAY 18 or MONDAY, MAY 21 - (check your date with the phone no.) - 5:30... Dignity sponsored evening at Hershey Park. Harrisburg area people meet in parking lot of Labor and Industry Bld. (6th and Boas). \$7 admission. 6 pm at park. For info, call 234-4550.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 8 pm... A Rabbit in the Rain. Colin stars in a program of laughter and tears, but above all a positive picture of Gay men and Lesbians. Guest appearance by the Merry (formerly the Gay) Players of Harrisburg, a lesbian and gay acting troupe. At the Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. Free admission, but contribution accepted for *Freedom*.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 9:30 - 3 pm... Workshop on Comparable Worth for Women sponsored by CLUW and AFL-CIO Women's Rights Committee. Speaker: Martha Bucks, expert on comparable worth from Wash. D.C. Registration \$10 (includes lunch). Penn State Middletown Campus, Multi-Purpose Bldg. Send check to Geri Sciola, Treas., 2401 Pineford Dr., Middletown, Pa. 17057.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - ...Araby in Concert at Steamers in Milton.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 6 pm... Dignity sponsored Mass. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr, Hbg. Followed by dinner out at Mandarin Restaurant, Carlisle Pike, 7:30. For reservations, call 238-5380.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - 5:30 ... MCC Potluck at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr, Hbg.

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Mail to P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105.



SUNDAY, MAY 20 — 1 pm... **First Lavender Letter Women's Hike** of the year! 4-5 miles, easy. Bring a snack and water. Hbg. area. Call 238-3974 for meeting place.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 — 10:30 am... **Women's Center Feminist Brunch.** Bring bread, cheese or fruit. Good conversation. Call 233-4004 Wed. evenings for location.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 — **Mother's Day.** Honor yours or someone else's or find an older Lesbian and take her to dinner.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 — 2 pm... **Dignity sponsored Worship Service for Women.** An intimate, yet simple, ceremony designed by and for women of many faith traditions. All women invited. For location call 367-1263 or 234-5850.

MONDAY, MAY 21 — 7:30 pm... **Dignity sponsored Bible sharing and prayer meeting.** 1519 N. Front St., Hbg. #5-J. Call 238-0642.

TUESDAY, MAY 22 — 7 pm... **Volleyball.** (See May 1st).

THURSDAY, MAY 24 — 7 pm... **Lavender Letter Organizational Meeting.** Try your hand at getting involved. We train and can be trained. Bring your ideas. Call 737-5570 for location.

FRIDAY, MAY 25 — 7 pm... **Volleyball.** (See May 4th).

FRIDAY, MAY 25 — **Wind and Wood at Campfest '84.** Women's Music Festival, Alloway, N.J.

FRI, SAT, SUN AND MON — MAY 25 - 28 — **East Coast Womyn's Campfest 84.** Music by Hunter Davis, Wind and Wood, Judy Reagan, Mary Watkins, Squeeze Louise and many more. 3 days in advance \$65, less for student or unemployed. Many activities, softball, workshops, women. Write Campfest, P.O. Box 30381, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

TUESDAY, MAY 29 — 7 pm... **Volleyball.** (See May 1st).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 — 9-1 am... **Wind and Wood** at Bube's Brewery, Mount Joy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 — ... **Araby** in concert at the Paradise Nightspot in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 — **Araby** in Concert. (See above).

COMING SOON

Women in Community Empowering Ourselves Workshop. June 1-3 at Twin Oaks Community, 2 hours southwest of Washington D.C. The Workshops range from women's peace movement, midwifery, holistic health, to building alternative communities. Enjoy artists from the women's music network. Contact: Robin Moulds, Twin Oaks Community, Louisa, VA 23093. 703-894-5126.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 — **Gay Pride Parade in Baltimore.** Anyone interested in entering "floats" or marching call 291-9420 after 5 pm for more info. (Gay Comm. Ctr. of Baltimore).

JUNE 23-24 — **SISTERFIRE!** a 2-day open air festival of women's culture. Hollie Near, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Edwina Lee Tyler, Chris Williamson and more! Tickets 1 day \$14, 2 day \$22. Write Roadwork Inc., Box MS 1475 Harvard St. NW, Wash. DC 20009 or call 202 234-9308.

SUNDAY, JULY 8 — 12 noon - 8 pm... **Gay Pride Festival '84** at State Police Grounds on Linglestown Rd., Hbg. There will be music by the area's most popular groups, flea markets, specialty stands, games and food. \$10 admission (and beer) Send check "cash" to Festival '84, c/o P.O. Box 1527, Hbg. Pa. 17105.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 — the something different you've been waiting for... An afternoon of **gentle rafting** through the beautiful Lehigh Gorge. Only \$23 (including a streamside B.B.Q. lunch). Space limited. Call 761-0708 for info. Ask for Linda.

JULY 26 - 30th — **Religious Retreat for Women.** Camping (near Carlisle). Workshops, discussions on Jewish and Christian topics. For women only. Nominal charge. Write Women's Retreat, P.O. Box 2231, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Come all 5 days or only the weekend.

Motorcycling women: set aside AUGUST 24 through AUGUST 27 for Upstate NY's first Women's Motorcycle Festival. Limited to the first 200 paid entrants. Write W.M.F. '84, 7 Lent Ave., Le Roy, NY 14482. (716-768-6054).

NOTICES

Women of Adams County — Let's get together for activities and support. Call Pat 528-4202.

The D-Gem, N. Front St. in Hbg — is now serving pizza and draft beer. Drop in for quiet conversation during the week and dancing on weekends.

The Hide-Out is the latest in night spots in the Harrisburg area. Located off Elmerton St. (make a right from Cameron instead of a left to HACC), right again at State Farm Rd., Look over your left shoulder to catch the neon Hide Out sign. Mixed m-f.

Support group for York women. Call Lancaster Helpline 397-0691.

Lancaster Women — could you send us your softball schedule?

REGULAR SCHEDULES

MCC Services. Every Sunday at 7 pm at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr St., Harrisburg. Call 232-7040 for info.

MCC Bible Study. Every Wednesday at 7 pm, same place as above.

RESOURCES

Lancaster Gay / Lesbian Help Line. 397-0691. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg. 234-0328. Monday thru Friday. 6 to 10 pm.

Dignity Central Pa., Harrisburg. Mass 5pm, First Sunday of the month, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. Write P.O. Box 297, Federal Square Station, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.

MCC Harrisburg. Meets Sundays 7pm at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. Also mid-week service and informal Bible study, 7pm, on Wednesdays, same place. 232-7040.

Freedom, the monthly newsletter of MCCs in Central Pennsylvania. Write to PO Box 3897, Harrisburg, PA 17105 for free subscription.

MCC Lancaster. Services each Sunday at 5pm. Meets at the Unitarian Center, Lancaster.

MCC Williamsport. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at YWCA, 815 W. 4th, Williamsport. Call 238-3746 (Hbg.) for info.

West Branch Gay Support Group (Williamsport). Every Monday night at 7pm. At the James V. Brown Library, E. 4th St., Williamsport.

Lambda Alive. Reading gay and lesbian group. Sandy, PO Box 42, Auburn, PA 17922.

Parents of Gays. We're parents who love and support our gay children. We'd like to meet your parents to help bring them around. Please call Allentown and Reading (215) 682-2145 ask for Terry Leib. Harrisburg (717) 238-2376 or Philadelphia (215) 461-8197.

Harrisburg Area Women's Center. For info. and referral, call anytime and leave message 233-4004. Staffed Weds 6-9.

Harrisburg Area Women's News (HAWN). A monthly newspaper for all women of the Hbg. area. \$6.50 per year. Write HAWN, Room 204, PSSU Building, 1037 McClay St., Harrisburg, 17103.

Harrisburg Gay A.A. Fridays 8:30 at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. For additional info. call the Gay Switchboard, 234-0328.

Heathcote Center Inc. A women's collective. 21300 Heathcote Rd., Freeland, MD 21053 (301) 343-0280.

Alternative Booksellers Inc. Bookstore, Women's Records, publications. 10 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa. 19601.

Reading Gay AA. Meets every Wednesday 8 pm. Call Andy (215) 375-4864.

Mountain Meadow Country Experience is a feminist sleep-away summer camp for children from alternative families, including the children of gay men and lesbians. Located in S. Central PA, sliding scale, Mountain Meadow welcomes the daughters of Lavender Lesbian families. Write Rm A-205, 243 W. Tulpehocken, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Send SASE.

Looking for someone willing to be contact person for women in outlying areas: must be able to put phone # in Lavender Anyone from Carlisle? E-town?



Deadline Date for information in The Lavender Letter is May 20th Please include a contact person (not to be listed in L.L.) if we need additional information.

If you have any news of events that others should know about, send them to: P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, PA 17105.