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A CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AND BY LESBIAN WOMEN
IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

December 1987



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 7:30-9:30.... MCC sponsored Lesbian Rap Group. Open to all women in the area. Seeks to provide a relaxed atmosphere for discussion. Quaker Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Bette Midler born 1945.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 10PM-1AM...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the T4-Karat in York.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 11AM-2PM...MCC sponsored Book Fair at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr St., Hbg. Do your holiday shopping early, pick up those hard-to-find titles. Refreshments and conversation. Books made available at Discount to MCC.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 7PM...Lancaster MCC sponsored Hay Ride and Christmas Party. Bring ornament for party. At new Misistry Center, 609 N. Plum St, Lancaster.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - The Muses Collective will present Bobbi Carmitchell at Waverly Presbyterian Church, 34th and Old York Rd., MD. Admission \$6 in advance, \$8 at door.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 9PM-1AM...Sisterspace Dance. St. Mary's Church Hall on U. of Pa. Campus, 3916 Locust Walk, Phila. \$3. Call 476-7462.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 8:30-12AM...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Zee's Eatery, Exit 19, off I-83, New Cumberland. Call 761-6692.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 5PM...Dignity sponsored Mass and potluck supper. Feast of St. Nicholas. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg. Call 233-8105.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Human Rights Day...Emily Dickinson born 1830.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 10PM...Holiday Dance sponsored by Lesbians and Gays of Penn. Christian Association, 36 & Locust Walk, U. of Pa., Phila. \$3. Call 898-5270.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11-12 - 9:30PM-1:30... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Ground Round, Rt. 11-15, Camp Hill. Call 737-4313.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 7:30PM...Lancaster Women's Potluck. Great food and good conversation. A wonderful way to meet new people. Call Helpline for directions at 397-0691.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 1PM-5PM...Dignity sponsored "Sexuality and the Bible" relationships between famous people in the Scripture (Naomi and Ruth). Followed by light supper. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 10PM-2AM...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the T4-Karat in York.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 7:30PM...Ellie Smeal will speak at the Wyndham Plaza Hotel in Phila. (2 Franklin Place). Come learn how to find candidate you believe in. Sponsored by the Fund for Feminist Majority. Call 846-2845 for info.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 7:30-9:30....MCC sponsored Lesbian Rap Group. Open to all women in the area. Seeks to provide a relaxed atmosphere for discussion. Quaker Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 - First day of Chanukah, Jan Austen born 1775.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 8:30PM-12...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Bube's Brewery, 102 N. Market St., Mt. Joy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Jane Street Band in concert at Port-In-A-Storm, Balt., Md. Call 301/732-2820.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 7:30PM-2AM...Christmas Celebration at Altlands Ranch. Be entertained by Bobbi Carmitchell and Robin Chambers, a play "Where There's a Will...", a visit with Sandy Claus and dancing around the mistletoe. Doors open at 7PM, entertainment begins at 7:30PM. Tickets: \$7 person, \$12 couple. Write: Mary Gage, Box 2412, York, PA, 17405. Call 848-1969.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 7PM...MCC Christmas Services at Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 - Jane Street Band in concert at Port-In-A-Storm. Baltimore, MD.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Berks County Lambda Alive sponsored caroling. Hot chocolate and goodies. Call 378-5577 or 373-8996 for time and place.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Jane Street Band at Club Mitchell, Baltimore, MD. Call 301/732-2820.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 11:15PM...Lancaster MCC sponsored Candlelight Service at Unitarian Church, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Dignity sponsored Christmas Caroling and Social. Call 233-8105.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Lancaster MCC Choral Christian Service. Enjoy the singing at the Unitarian Church, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 - Winter Solstice, shortest day of the year.



NEW YEARS EVE: Jane St. Band at Altland's Ranch, Buffet, Champagne, Hats and Noisemakers. Reservations a must. \$17. Call 225-4479.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 - 8PM-?...The first of four parties sponsored by Dignity. 119 Cumberland St., Hbg. Call 232-4627, all welcome.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28...York support group. Get connected with other York area women. Call 848-9142.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 - 7PM-10...The second of four parties sponsored by Dignity. 210 North Street, Hbg. Call 236-4939, all welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 - 7:30PM...MCC sponsored Game Night, Hbg. Call 236-7387 for info.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - 4PM-8...The third of four parties sponsored by Dignity. 222 Herr Street, Hbg. Call 238-5380, all welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 - Dignity sponsored Mass, Potluck and Gift Exchange. Mass at 5PM at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg. Call 233-8105 for more info.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 - 7:30...Planning Committee for Open Air Festival in May. Become involved. Meeting at Stallions, off 3rd St., Hbg. Call 236-1413 for info.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 - 8PM...Video Night: "Waiting for the Moon" a fictionalized version of the relationship between Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. Popcorn and soda provided. Call 232-7144 for location.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21-22-23...The Play "A Normal Heart" will be presented at Harrisburg Area Community College Workshop Theatre. There will be an opening gala cocktail party. Tickets \$5 at HACC office, Hbg. or Ticket Place in Strawberry Square, Hbg. or Call 236-4772.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 - 8PM...Sweet Honey in the Rock at Strant Capital Performing Arts Center, 50 N. George St., York. \$8-\$11 and \$13. You will be overwhelmed.

An Anthology of Stories of Women who have experienced anti-lesbian sexual assault is being developed. Your stories or essays are solicited. Contact Sharon Varatira, Box 2304, Harvard Square Station, Cambridge, MA 02238.

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS - is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to solve our common problem; the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. The Lambda AA Group meets Fridays at 8:30PM at the Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force is completing a survey on discrimination in the state. Lesbians and gay persons are urged to complete the anonymous survey. Contact Jackie at 238-2376 or Rodger at 236-4772 for a copy.

The Lancaster Gay-Lesbian HELPLINE continues to need volunteers to staff the phone on a regular basis. Call to volunteer. You could spare 1 night a month for your community. Call 397-0691.

Gay Female looking for someone to live in 3 bedroom trailer and help share expenses in Muncy, PA Call 546-6949.

South Central Aids Assistance Network (SCAAN)... Welcomes volunteers to assist with a monthly mass mailing. Once a month for about 1 1/2 hours. Meets at 1606 Penn Street, Hbg. Call Rodger at 236-4772 or Rick at 238-2376 for info.

CONTACT CONTACT CONTACT.....

As you realize, it is often difficult to connect with people in the Central PA area. We would like to enlist a bevy of people in Harrisburg and surrounding areas to be contact people. They would be information givers and a link to the community. If you are interested in being a contact person we would need your number to be printed in L.L.

Contact people at present:

- Carlisle, Nancy & Jeanne, 249-6508
- Chambersburg: Cynthia 597-9781
- Coatesville: Kathy 383-9664
- E-Petersburg, 560-0432
- Hanover: Barb & Donna 632-1484
- Harrisburg, 232-7144
- LANCASTER: Bert Troy 293-1977
- Octorara: Ann 857-2480
- Reading and Berks Co.: Peg, 215-589-4854
- Southern York Co.: Kit & Ev, 927-9067
- York: Cindy 848-9142

People should immediately write their Congressperson and U.S. Senators stating that Amendment 963 be defeated from the Health and Human Services Approp. Bill 94 to 2. The Amendment prohibits federal funding for any materials and activities targeted at the gay community that informs gay persons of sexual practices that put them at risk. Contact: Congressman George Gekas, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Senator John Heinz, Congressman Bill Goodling. You may reach all Washington legislators at 202/224-3121.

WRITE...Your congressional representative and ask her/him to vote against \$270 million aid for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. That \$270 million could better be used for AIDS Research, Emergency Housing and Education Programs, or Social Service Programs like Rape Crisis and Battered Women Programs.

Cleis Press of Oakland, CA is accepting outlines from women touched by the AIDS crisis who may wish to be included in the Women & AIDS Anthology. Contact Pat Ruppelt, at 4462 Montgomery Street, Oakland, CA 94611.

GAY/LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD OF HARRISBURG - 234-0328, Mon. thru Fri.: 6PM-10PM.

LANCASTER GAY/LESBIAN HELPLINE - 397-0691, Sun., Wed., Thurs.: 7PM-10PM

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