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Lavender Letter

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- Since 1982 -A Calendar of Events for and by Women in Central Pennsylvania

December, 1991

In Review: Lancaster Lambda's Oldies Dance at the Baron Steigel was a real treat for the fifties buffs. Over a hundred people (mostly women) rocked and rolled the night away.

Lavender Letter's Fourth Annual Cultural Evening was again a lovely event filled with music, poetry, creative and humorous writings and even a magic act. The food also was lavish and all who participated felt lucky to have come.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30...Bereavement Support Group for people who have lost a close friend, a family member or a life partner to AIDS. This group is Free. Meets weekly. Powell's Valley United Methodist Church, between Rt. 225 and 147 on Million Dollar Rd. in Halifax. Not a religious group.. Everyone welcome. Call and leave first name and number.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30...Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8pm...An evening of short Gay films at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Stahr Auditorium. \$2.00.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

...The Holiday Extravaganza planned for Altlands Ranch has been canceled.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30...Lambda Alive Supper Club (Reading Area) get together for after Christmas shopping pizza and Italian food. The Pizza Works, 403 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring. If you want to bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange, you may. It is not required. Good company.

...GLORA'S (Reading-Allentown) 2nd Anniversary Dinner at West Side Club in Norristown. Call Karen 970-7918.

...PALS sponsored games and Video Night. The Game of Twister will be featured. Beavertown. 658-3521.

7pm...York Area Singles Night Out. Dinner followed by discussion at someone's home or a planned activity. Meets every Saturday night. Call for reservations before 7pm on the Wednesday before. Sue: 741-2448, Peg: 225-6042, Lancaster: Sandy: 653-1863. An excellent way to meet people from a wide area.

8pm...Allentown's Club 247, a chemical free, under 21 club. 247 N. 10th St. Allentown. First and Third Sat.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5pm-10pm...Bobbi Carmitchell Christmas Celebration with Friends. The Timbers Dinner Theatre in Mt. Gretna. Full Course Buffet Dinner. Cash Bar, Dancing, Caroling, Visiting with old Friends. \$20.00 per person. Please bring a canned goods item to be donated to the Women's Shelter. Call for info and reservations. (717) 872-4510. 12pm-5pm..Annual Christmas Sale at Looking Glass and Co. A little something for the stocking or a great big something for the living room. See flyer.

6pm..Regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Lambda (Williamsport) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St, Williamsport. Rap topic after meeting.

4pm...Ladies for the 80's Party at the new club, the Spy Club. One hour open bar, complimentary buffet. 805 15th St. N.W., Washington D.C.

12 noon-5pm...Cosmetologists in the Santa's Snippers Cut-a-thon of Union and Snyder County will donate their time and energy in cutting hair at the Holiday Hair Fashions at the Susquehanna Valley Mall. The monies raised will go to local shelter to help women with rent, relocation and education. Call for info 523-1134.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30...Lambda Alive (Reading) monthly meeting to plan events. Call for location. 1-215-372-4731.

5:30...Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9pm-12...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Nick's Cafe, N. 3rd St., Harrisburg.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30-1:30... The Sirens in concert at the Rusty Nail on Paxton St. in Harrisburg.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8pm...Harrisburg Men's Chorus to perform at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6th and Forster Sts., Harrisburg. Tickets :\$8.00. Call 731-8251.

8pm... Ladies for the Eighties sponsored Rockin' and Boppin Around the Christmas Tree Holiday Oldies Party at the Two Four Club on St. James in Phila. Features Holly Faris, a female, Female Impersonator. Show at 10:30. One hour open bar, buffet.

7pm...York Area Singles Night Out. (see Dec. 7).



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7pm...PFLAG of Central Pa. meeting at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:30...Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Historic Blue Star (Great new place!) 602 W. King St., Lancaster.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00pm -1:30... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Granfalloons, E. Princess St. York.

7pm...York Area Singles Night Out.(see Dec. 7).

8pm...Allentown's Club 247. (see Dec. 7)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

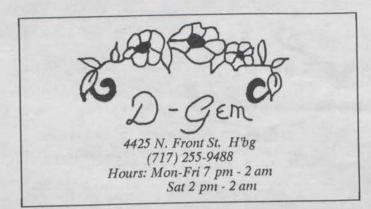
York Support Progressive Christmas. For info call 846-3271, or 848-9142.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

....MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Susquehanna Lambda sponsored Inaugural Ball in Williamsport. Call Mary 717-368-3283.



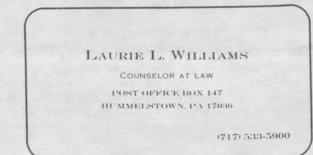
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9pm-12...Bobbie Carmitchell in Concert at the Iron Horse Inn, Strasburg.

7pm...York Area Singles Night Out. (see Dec. 7).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28- JANUARY, 1, '92

...Women's Winter Weekend sponsored by Wilderness Woman. Held at Pocono Environmental Education Center. Part of a 200,000 acre Park system, indoor pool, minutes away from skiing, horseback riding, waterfalls and snow-mobiling. Heated cabins, hikes (day and night), abundant wildlife for picture taking, (darkroom available) group confidence course, arts and crafts, videos, square dancing and two - steppin', sing a long, games and New Year's Eve Party. Singles activities. Total cost: \$189.00. Write: Wilderness Woman, 6914 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, Pa 19128. Call (215) 483-7937.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

3pm... Round table Discussion Group to take a holiday. Meet at Gap Dinner Restaurant and carpool to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. Christmas Conservatory display, Outdoor Christmas Lights and Fountain Display. Look for the car with the purple ribbon on the antenna at the Diner Parking lot. For more info. call 846-2089.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8pm...Women's Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at Moriarty's, 1116 Walnut St., Phila. Dancing, Champagne, early morning tea sandwiches and coffee. \$55.00. Call (215) 632-4097 or (215)-483-7937.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

3pm-6pm...Dance 'Till You Drop Hop. Learn to do the electric slide, twist, two-step, jitterbug, cha cha, stroll, square and other fun dances at the first Dance Workshop with dance instructors. Sponsored by Lavender Letter, Harrisburg Women's Business and Professional Women, and York Singles. Refreshments. Send \$5.00 (by Jan 10 to guarantee your place.) with your name and phone number to L.L. Box 1527, Hbg. 17105. \$10.00 at door if space allows. Location in Harrisburg Area to be announced.

A Great Stocking Stuffer!! Give a Gift Certificate for the Lavender Letter. Send us the person's name and address with a \$10.00 check to the L.L. and we will send you a gift certificate to put in their stocking for Christmas, and begin their subscription in January of '92.

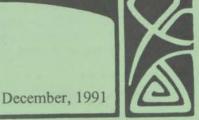
For information on the Harrisburg Area Business and Professional Women's Group call 234-0461.

For information on the York Area Women's Potluck call 848-9142.

There will be no Ladies Night Out dining this month.



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CHURCH cont.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7pm...Dignity sponsored Christmas in Carlisle. Shopping at the Herb Merchant and Dinner at the California Cafe. Make reservations by Dec. 11. 846-9636.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30..Dialogue Discussion Group. (see Dec. 2.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30pm... Service of Carols and Lessons. "Interfaith Advent Service" Co-sponsored with other Gay religious groups: Dignity, MCC of Hbg., Lutherans Concerned, Brethren Mennonite Council at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 6th and Forster Sts. Hbg., Followed by reception.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30...MCC of Hbg. Christmas Eve Services at Quaker Meeting House.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7pm...Dignity Christmas Party #1. Open House at 1815 Green St.,Hbg.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8pm...Dignity Christmas Party #2. Through the woods to an open house in Linglestown. 4303 Kentucky Drive, Hbg. Call 652-7683.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

10pm...Dignity New Year's Eve Party. " Pearls and Champagne at Midnight" across from Italian Lake, Hbg.240 Edward St. RSVP by noon on the 31st, 232-2027.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

4pm-8pm...Dignity sponsored hospitality at Father Sawdy's at his townhouse 222 Herr St., Hbg. 238-5380.

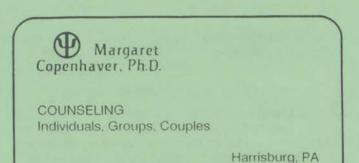


Female roommate to share 2 bedroom home on West Shore. No drugs, prefer non-smoker. Must like cats. 774-4687.

Housemate Wanted to share townhouse in West Hempfield Twp., Lancaster professional Female. Country living with woodstove. Small pets acceptable. No drugs. \$375 per month includes all utilities. Call 684-7170.

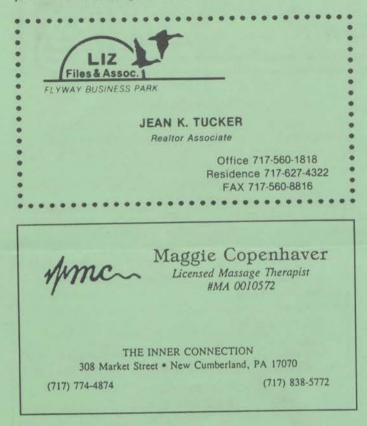
NEW BILL TO MANDATE HIV TESTING

House Bill 15 which mandates that prostitutes undergo forced HIV testing and be punished if they are sick, is on the calendar for consideration by the Pa. House. Call your Representative or Senator to express your opinion. If you do not know your Rep or Senator, call Babette Josephs office, 215-977-7732.



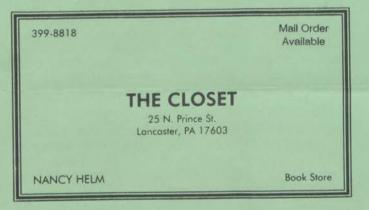
(717) 234-0461

Pride Institute: The nation's only inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency treatment program exclusively for Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. We provide airfare in most cases. If you or someone you love is having problems with drugs or alcohol, call 1-800-54-PRIDE.



The Artemis Women's Motorcycle Club from Phila. welcomes interested people to ride with them and socialize. Call (215) 326-8112.

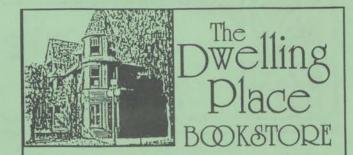
Women's Motorcycle Festival '92. Write : WMF, 7 Lent Ave, LeRoy, N.Y. 14482 or call (716) 768-6054.



Capital Area Women's Rugby Football Club needs new members. Call Sherri, 561-0099. Meets at Fort Hunter, Hbg.

THE SWITCHBOARD NEEDS HELP

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg is in need of women to staff the Helpline one night a month. Many women call and ask to speak to a woman and there are few of them to refer to. Training will be provided and it will give you a sense of contribution to your community. Write: PO Box 872, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108.



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Women's volleyball at 1pm at Brightbill Park in Harrisburg, off 22, behind Colonial Commons Shopping Center. Call Vickie..761-2692.

White Rose Women's Soccer League games are played at John Reedy Park off rt 83 (ex 11) in Emigville.

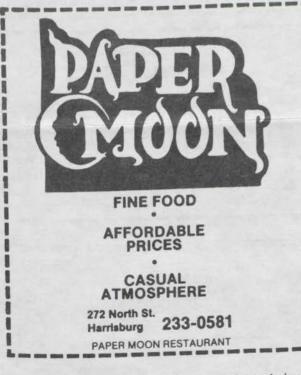
Reading Allentown Area is forming the Velvet Spikers, a Gay and Lesbian Volleyball League. Experts and beginners welcome. Call (215) 434-0379.



Heather Neill, Artisan/Woodworker, will have her work on display at the Smithsonian Museum Shop at the Renwick Museum, 17th and Pennsylvania Ave., Wash. D.C. the months of Nov. through Feb. '92.

The corrected number for the AIDS Hospice in York, Joy Ufema is 382-4384. Christmas is a good time to give something of yourself that will be appreciated through the year.

The National Girls and Women in Sports Symposium at Slippery Rock University is sponsoring a Workshop and Symposium including a "Homophobia on Campus" Workshop February 6, 1992 at Slippery Rock University. \$65.00 for workshop only, \$130.00 for the entire Symposium. Includes luncheon. Induction into the women's Hall of Fame: Billie Jean King, Ann Bancroft, Babe Dickrikson Zaharias, Dorothy Harris and Althea Gibson. Many notable speakers and interesting topics. Entertainment: The Washington Sisters, Ferron, Heather Bishop, and Ronnie Gilbert. Make checks payable to Girls and Women in Sport Symposium, write: GWSS,c/o Laurel Dagnon, Slippery Rock Univ., Slippery Rock, Pa. 16057.



The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force is in need of contributions to sustain it's \$17,000 a month expenditures. It has received no grant support for 1991. Send your tax deductible contributions to: Task Force, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. The Lavender Letter will be running a page of the Center Piece for Valentine wishes in February. If you want to send your Honey a special wish for that special day watch for details in the January issue.

CHURCH

Vision of Hope MCC 110 Tullane Terrace, Lancaster, Service on Sunday at 7pm, 392-2729.

MCC of the Spirit, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Service on Sunday at 7:30 pm 236-7387.

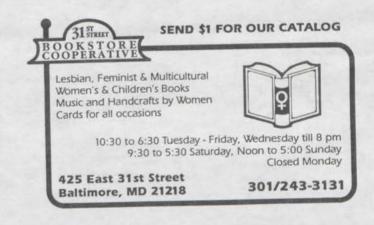
Dignity of Central Pa. Services Second Sunday of each month, 6 pm, 652-7683.

Special Christmas Programs for Vision of Hope MCC call 392-2729.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

5pm..Dignity sponsored Mass and potluck dinner. Program to be announced. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg.

3pm-6pm...Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hbg. Advent service of Worship for H.P.L.T.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 pm... Dignity sponsored Dialogue Discussion Group. 1514 N. 2nd St. Hbg. Side entrance, lower level.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7pm...MCC of Harrisburg Advent Gathering at 709 Prince St. Hbg.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7pm...MCC of Hbg. Advent Gathering. For location call 236-7387.

