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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

November, 1998

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9pm-Mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Hershey Lodge. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8pm-11pm... **Crazy Susan** in concert at the Gingerbread Man, York.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8-11pm... **Kim Hunt** in concert at Sweet Passions, 3rd St., Hbg.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8pm... **Big Tubba Mista** live at the Valencia Ballroom, York. Swing lessons start at 9pm, & BTM starts waiting immediately following. Tickets \$10. All ages show - must be 21 with proper ID to drink (bar available). Proceeds benefit OPEN (Ordinary People, Extraordinary Needs), a non-profit organization helping people & families affected or infected by HIV and AIDS. Call (717) 846-OPEN for tickets.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2pm... **The fall concert series at Her Story Women's Bookstore** continues with the incredible singer/songwriter Christine Havrilla. Surround yourself with sounds that go beyond mere reminiscence and sad love songs. Here is a reflective and honest work with depth! Christine's sensuously raspy voice imparts beauty with every note and the creative instrumentation makes a most harmonious accompaniment! \$5.00 cover.

NOVEMBER 11-15

11th Annual Creating Change Conference sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force at the Westin William Penn Hotel. For more info call (202) 332-6483 x3329 or <http://www.nglhf.org/cc98>.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7pm... **Lancaster Ladies Night Out**. Meet for dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Shirley at (717) 397-1915 or e-mail to snoac@Gateway.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

FAB (Fall Achievement Benefit) featuring Rita Mae Brown as guest speaker at the Hershey Lodge. Black tie optional. \$65/person for dinner, \$125/person for pre-FAB cocktail party & dinner. Proceeds benefit the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg. Call 1-800-408-3321 to purchase tickets.

9pm-1am... **Kim Hunt** in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry.

9:30pm-1:30am... **Crazy Susan** in concert at the Rusty Nail, Hbg.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9pm-Mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Hershey Lodge. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:30pm-1:30... **Crazy Susan** in concert at the Gingerbread Man, York.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30-1am... **Crazy Susan** in concert at the Pep Grill, Walnut St., Hbg.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1pm... Join us for **Bowling** in the Harrisburg Area. Anyone interested in a great afternoon of laughter & bowling alley food... Please join us! Call (717) 691-5577. If you are into football... the game will be on the TV at the alley... so you have no excuse not to join us.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9pm-Mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Hershey Lodge. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7pm... **Harrisburg Ladies Night Out**. Tired of your own family (Thanksgiving dinner & all) Join us for dinner and great conversation the night of the biggest shopping day of the year!!! We're doing good old American cuisine - just in-case you didn't get enough Turkey. Everyone's welcome. Call (717) 691-5577 for reservation by Wed. Nov., 25th.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9pm-Mid... **Crazy Susan** in concert at Bully's, Columbia.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9pm-Mid... **Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell** in concert at the Symposium. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

11am... **The Shippensburg Circle Monthly Brunch** for the Shippensburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg area. Come for good food, good conversation and a opportunity to meet some new and old faces. Bring something to share for the table and enjoy the company. Call to RSVP and directions: 264-2634.

Upcoming Events...

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6pm... World AIDS Day committee of Hbg invites you to an **Ecumenical Worship Service** at Lakeside Lutheran Church, 254 Division St., Hbg. Service will end with a candle light walk to Italian Lake to the AIDS Memorial Garden.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9pm-1am... **Kim Hunt** in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

A Day of Remembrance... for World AIDS Day at the State Museum and Auditorium, at the corner of North & 3rd Sts. The day starts at noon with the Hbg Men's Chorus; 1:30 - Central PA Womyn's Chorus; 2:30 - the Choir from MCC of the Spirit; 3:00 - TLO Stone Soup. At 5:00 the program will begin in the auditorium and will include local speakers & the Key note speaker Jeanne White.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Bobbi Carmitchell's 8th Annual Christmas Dinner Party, at The Timbers, Mt. Gretna. \$25.00 Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Lancaster Ladies Night Out Holiday Dinner. Time and location to be announced. Call Shirley at (717) 397-1915 or e-mail to snoac@Gateway.com



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...**Haverim**, Gay & Lesbian Jewish Group meets the last Saturday of each month. For time & place call Marvin Mernick at (717) 764-4407 or e-mail to HbgHaverim@aol.com or write P.O. Box 3422, Shiremanstown, PA 17011.

...**MCC OF THE SPIRIT**, 2973 Jefferson St., Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7:00 pm. Call 236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events.

...**DIGNITY OF CENTRAL PA** meets the 1st Sun. of every month at 5pm, at the Friends Meeting House (lower level), 6th & Herr Sts. Harrisburg, for a potluck dinner and discussion. Dignity provides fellowship to gay and lesbian Catholics, and supportive non-Catholics. All are welcome. Dinner nights out and other events are also held throughout the year. Call (717) 652-7683 for info.

...**INTERWEAVE** is a group supported by the Unitarian Universalist Church, for those people who are concerned with Gay, Lesbian or Straight issues. Meeting is the 1st Sunday of each month, call for times (usually 6:30pm). Hotline: (717) 859-4481.

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK**, 950 S. Duke St., York. (717) 845-8212. Meeting at Crispus Attucks during construction, 605 S. Duke St. Parking and entrance in the rear. Service 10 a.m. Rev. Jennifer Justice.

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LANC.** Sunday, 9am & 11am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. Interweave Gathering, a new social group focused on the gay & lesbian community of Lancaster County will be meeting on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm at the Church. For info call (717) 393-1733.

...**UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**. 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services: Sundays 9am & 11am. (717) 737-8875. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation and recognizing that all people are one in God.

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Social Groups...

Her Story Women's Bookstore **book discussion group** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. We invite you to join us! meet like-minded women and expand your literary horizons. This month's book is the classic *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood! No need to pre-register just join in the fun and lively discussion.

7-8pm... Every Thursday **Aerobics Class** at Vision of Hope MCC, Mountville, PA. All are welcome! Come join us. Call (717) 285-9070.

... National Organization for Women (**NOW**) meets the 3rd Wed. of the Month at the YWCA. E. Market St., York. Call (717) 757-4270.

...Anyone 60+ is invited to join **OLOC, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change**. For membership and 4 issues of the OLOC Reporter, send \$15 to P.O. Box 98042, Houston, TX 77098.



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...**Shippensburg Circle Group** meets in the Shippensburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg Areas for networking & social events. Brunch/potlucks in Shippensburg. Call (717) 530-1743 for the next event.

...**Book Discussion Group**. If you like to read, we want you... to join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. Call Kellie (717) 236-2876 for this month's book and the location of the meeting.

...**The Center for Women Students at Penn State**, Univ. Park sponsors many film series/discussion groups on women & Lesbian concerns. For more info/brochure call (814) 863-2027.

...**GLORA** (Gay & Lesbian Organization of Reading & Allentown) is a group that gathers at least 2x/month to do fun activities and make new friends. We sponsor a broad range of events. Call Diane for more info. (610) 868-7183.

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...**GLSEN** (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) meets in Carlisle at the YWCA. Mission Statement: *GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation. We welcome as members individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who share this philosophy.*

...**HEALINGS: Helping Every Adolescent In Need Group Support**, for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7pm in the Gettysburg Area. For more info/location call (717) 630-5292 or (717) 338-1694.

...**PFLAG**, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, 538 West Chestnut St. every 4th Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Hotline: (717) 397-1095.

...**PFLAG** of Central PA meets at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Dr., Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 795-0330.

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Here's how a Roth IRA works: anyone who is earning income or taxable alimony (received under decree of divorce or separation) can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Roth IRA, assuming your adjusted gross income (AGI) is not above \$95,000 (for single filers). Partial contributions are available for single filers earning up to \$110,000. (Increased AGI allowances apply to joint filers.)

In addition to tax-free accumulation and withdrawals, Roth IRAs have other advantages over traditional IRAs. Unlike traditional IRAs, contributions to a Roth IRA may continue past age 70 1/2—and you are not required to begin taking distributions at this age. Qualified early distributions (before age 59 1/2) from a Roth IRA are not subject to the 10 percent Federal penalty or income tax as long as the Roth IRA has been opened for at least five tax years and the funds are withdrawn due to death or disability of the account holder.* After five tax

years, you can also withdraw up to \$10,000 to pay for qualified first-time home buying expenses. In addition, contributions to the Roth IRA are distributed first and are always tax free.

You may also want to consider rolling over your existing IRA to a Roth IRA. To avail yourself of this conversion option, your AGI must not exceed \$100,000 in the year of conversion (not including the income you recognize as a result of converting your old IRA). The taxable amounts recognized as a result of the conversion are subject to ordinary income tax, but not the 10 percent Federal penalty. And, if you convert before 1999, taxable income is spread out equally over four years (some states may not allow this four-year income spread).

While the Roth IRA is an attractive savings vehicle, it's wise to do some serious number crunching before you decide which type of IRA to fund. And as with other retirement savings and investment decisions, a professional financial advisor can help you decide which IRA makes the most sense for you.

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...COMMON JOURNEY, an organization of Lesbians and Gays in the Healthcare, Human Services and Educational fields, meets at the Vision of Hope MCC Church in Mountville. For more info call Edwin Yates at (717) 285-9070 or e-mail at yatesmcc@redrose.net

...Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group at Borders Books in Lancaster. Meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 7pm.

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus. Rehearsal at 7pm, Harris Street United Methodist Church on the corner of Harris & 3rd Sts, Harrisburg. (Second floor Sunday School Room) For more info call the chorus voicemail at (717) 234-4825 or Conductor Alissa Plant at (717) 566-2856.

...YAL (York Area Lambda) Educational, Political & Social Group of Lesbian/Gay & Bi people in the York area. Newsletter included with paid dues. For more info write P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405 or call (717) 848-9142.

...The Women's Resource Center at Bucknell University sponsors various events throughout the month. Poetry readings, self defense classes, art exhibits, discussion groups, etc. Call (717) 524-1375 for their monthly calendar.

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*The Always Unpredictable Table Version Of
The 12 Days Of Christmas!!*

Full Course Buffet

Dinner Served At 5:00

Doors Open At 4:00

*Roast Beef. Ham. Turkey. Vegetarian
Cash Bar*

Still Only \$25 Per Person

Advance Tickets Only.

Cocust Cane Music P.O. Box 8301 Canc 17604

For Information Call Bobbi at 717.872.4512.

Hope To See You There!!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

HOURS: 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.
no cover until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
NOV. 6**
OLDIES
w/Tom Spinning
Draft Busch Light
Beer \$1.00

**SATURDAY
NOV. 7**
Good Music,
Specials & Prizes
Tom Spinning

**SATURDAY
NOV. 14**
Music, Prizes
Happy
Atmosphere
Special
Low Shot Prices.

**FRIDAY
NOV. 20**
Disco Night
Draft Beer - \$1.50
Draft Busch Light
Beer - \$1.00
Prizes

**SATURDAY
NOV. 21**
Specials on
Shots & Beer
all night long
Prizes

**WEDNESDAY
NOV. 25**
*It's the night before
Thanksgiving*
Get in the Holiday
Mood... Exercise while
dancing & enjoy your
turkey dinner
without remorse.
DJ Tom
Prizes & Shot
Specials

**SATURDAY
NOV. 28**
Great Music, Prizes,
Shot Specials
Draft Busch Light
Beer - \$1.00

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We're always Happy to See you!
-Sylvia

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