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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

November, 2000

Activities

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6 pm . . . FAB 2000 The 5th Annual Fall Achievement Benefit at the newly renovated Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill. The dinner/dance raises money for area lesbians and gay organizations. Award winning writer and comedian Bob Smith is the featured Speaker this year. To order tickets call 1-800-406-3321.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30 pm. . . Suede in concert at the Tin Angel Cafe at 20 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia (Old City section) Cost is \$18. for tickets call (215)928-0978.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Election Day Your vote counts! Get out and Vote!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9 pm. . . Midnight at Bobbie Carmitchell in concert at the Gingerbread Man in Hershey. For details and directions call (717)-872-4512.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6 pm - 8 pm. . . Bobbie Carmitchell and her sister Ann in concert at Border's Bookstore at Park City in Lancaster. For details and directions call (717)-872-4512

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 pm -12:30 am. . . Bobbie Carmitchell in concert at Coakley's in New Cumberland. For details and directions call (717)-872-4512.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7pm...Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food with good folks. Singles and couples welcome. Call Shirley at (717) 560-6817 Or e-mail snoac@aol.com for your reservations.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7pm... Third Thursday of each month, Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group at Borders Books across from Park City, Lancaster.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

MCC of the Spirit 20th Anniversary Celebration, Harrisburg. Please join us in our celebration festivities. For information and tickets call the church at (717)-236-7387.

Call for time. . . Bobbie Carmitchell in concert at MCC of the Spirit 20th Anniversary Celebration, Harrisburg. For information call the church at (717)-236-7387.

7 pm - 9 pm. . . Stone Soup at the MCC of the Spirit 20th Anniversary Celebration, Harrisburg. For information and tickets call the church at (717)-236-7387.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4pm... Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck, call Marie at 717-865-6944 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7 pm. . . Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg Monthly Meeting. If you are interested in working with GLSH in it's continuing stand for the community, I encourage you to get involved. For more information you can e-mail us at TIMSHEL1@aol.com.

ENVISIONING A FEMINIST FUTURE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

YWCA of York, 320 East Market St. York, PA. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Keynote Speakers: Kim Gandy, Aishah Shahidah Simmons plus a Feminist Film Festival. For info call 215-365-2770.

Upcoming Events..

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

WORLD AIDS DAY!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

6 pm - 9 pm. . . Bobbie Carmitchell's 11th Annual Women's Dinner at the Timbers Dinner Theatre at Mt. Gretna. See insert in this month's letter for details.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

6 pm. . . Lancaster Ladies Night Out Christmas Dinner. Call Shirley at (717)-560-6817 or e-mail snoac@aol.com for your reservation.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

6 pm. . . HOWL Event-Country Christmas. Join us for a horse drawn hay ride through a Christmas Wonderland at Shoops Farm. Admission is \$7.00pp. You can check out Shoops Farm at WWW.shooppfarm.20m.com. For details call Gina and Laurie at (717)236-8458.

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...**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 5pm). Hotline: (717) 859-4481.

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

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK**, 925 South George St. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10AM. Rev. Jennifer Justice, Childcare and religious education for youth provided. A Welcoming Congregation.

...**UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services: Sundays 9am & 11am. (717) 691-0300 or e-mail: unity@bbimaging.com Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation and recognizing that all people are one in God.

...**VISION OF HOPE MCC**, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. Morning Children's Sunday School. VOH has several small groups including a 12 step Bible Study currently meeting. Call (717) 285-9070.

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Support Groups...

"DON'T BE A BOOB - GET A BOSOM BUDDY" Are you concerned about the Procedure? Are you concerned about going alone? A volunteer network of 'BUDDIES' is being organized to accompany women who know the importance of a mammogram yet fear the mammogram procedure whether is the first or the 100th.

We are looking for participants who would like to have a 'BUDDY' and for those who would like to be 'BUDDIES'. Please contact Natalie Damrauer at 540-7725 or email her at LoonSng@aol.com for more information, to request a BUDDY or to volunteer to be a BUDDY!

...**NOW**, York Chapter, (National Organization for Women) meets on the 3rd Wed. of odd-numbered months at the YWCA, E. Market St., at 7:30pm. and on the 3rd Saturday of even-numbered months at various locations at 10am. Call Cindy at (717) 848-9142 or Janice at (717) 259-6092 for info/directions & location of the Saturday meeting.

... **PFLAG York** meets at 750 Kelly Dr. (the former Lutheran Home building) at 7pm on the first Tues. of the month. Call Don and Pat (717) 843-3793 or Charles and Judy at (717) 846-7633 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

...**FREE SPIRIT** is Bloomsburg University's Community for Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, as well as friends and family. We offer support, info, discussion, and activities to create awareness, advocate social change... and just have fun! For info call Wendy Lee-Lampshire, Ph.D., Dept. of Philosophy, (717) 389-4332 or e-mail at lampshire@planetx.bloomu.edu.

...**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.

Social Groups...

Announcing THE LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. Activities will include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liaison, and any other event that the group is willing to take on. Membership dues is \$10 per household. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Kate or Cindy at 848-9142.

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus wants you!!! The chorus rehearses at 7 pm every Monday night at the home of Joanne and Linda in Camp Hill. For directions, call 761-6958, or e-mail babaplace@aol.com. For more information about the chorus, see our web site, www.cpwchorus.org, or e-mail info@cpschorus.org. Join us and discover the joy of singing with women - find out how much fun Monday nights can be!

HOWL... Bringing together a community of like-minded, NON-SMOKING lesbians of all ages called HOWL(Hanging out With Lesbians).

This group would meet once a week in the evening for discussion and socialization at a predetermined SMOKE-FREE location. This is not a support group or dating service, but rather an opportunity for womyn to gather and form a community in a social, safe and SMOKE-FREE environment.

If this sounds like something you'd like to check-out, please feel free to contact me and/or leave a message. Non-smoking, lesbian identified, singles and couples welcome! Contact Carol Nodgaard at (717) 721-7493 or E-mail: c.nodgaard@att.net.

...**Triangle Interests...** A national nonprofit, Lesbian membership organization working to build the economic strength, and improve the quality of life, of the Lesbian community. TI is the sponsor of Triangle Interests Federal Credit Union (TIFCU), the first national credit union formed to benefit Lesbian Women. TI also offers financial seminars, business networking, social activities and health insurance. For info call: (215) 487-3736. VM#1; E-mail: ti@triangleinterests.org; website: www.triangleinterests.org.

...Interested in meeting people in the Carlisle, Shippensburg Chambersburg area? The **Shippensburg Circle** is the connection. Monthly Brunches and other get togethers. To get on the e-mail list or for info on our next get together. 530-1743 or e-mail: LKuj125@innernet.net.

...**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. To contact GLORA write: P.O. Box 1952, Allentown, PA 18105, or E-mail: GLORAinPA@aol.com.

...**Book Discussion Group.** If you like to read,...join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm. Call Caroline (717) 545-4494 for this month's book and meeting place.

The Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania is sponsoring a 4-day group cruise to Key West and Cozumel on February 1-5, 2001. PRIDE partnered with Omega World Travel(the largest cruise travel agency and owners of cruise.com) and Carnival Cruise Lines to offer you this relaxing get-a-way vacation package at a great price. Sorry...Kathie Lee not included. For additional information and itinerary details contact: Jeffery or Denise at Omega World Travel 1-800-955-2582 9:00A.M. - 5 P.M. EST (Monday-Friday) E-mail: jalmoney@owt.net or E-Mail: dzortman@owt.net



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NFL Region Football Schedule for October

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Baltimore at Cincinnati	1:00 pm
Buffalo at New England	1:00 pm
Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00 pm
Denver at New York Jets	4:15 pm
New York Giants at Cleveland	1:00 pm
Pittsburgh at Tennessee	12:00 pm
Washington at Arizona	2:05 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Baltimore at Tennessee	12:00 pm
Chicago at Buffalo	1:00 pm
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	1:00 pm
St. Louis at New York Giants	4:15 pm
New York Jets at Indianapolis	8:35 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Arizona at Philadelphia	1:00 pm
Buffalo at Kansas City	12:00 pm
Dallas at Baltimore	4:15 pm
Detroit at New York Giants	1:00 pm
New York Jets at Miami	4:05 pm
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh	8:35 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Washington at St. Louis	8:00 pm
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Buffalo at Tampa Bay	1:00 pm
Chicago at New York Jets	1:00 pm
Cleveland at Baltimore	1:00 pm
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00 pm
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	1:00 pm
New York Giants at Arizona	6:35 pm

YWCA SUPPORT GROUPS

The following is a list of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Support Groups that are presently being offered by the V.I.P Department at the YWCA:

TUESDAYS

- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. . . Domestic Violence Drop-in Support Group (babysitting available)
- 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm. . . Domestic Violence Children's Support Group

Please call if you would like information call 238-7273 on the following upcoming groups:

- Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault Group
- Adult Rape Group
- Phase II Domestic Violence Support Group
- 4 Week Self Esteem Group
- 4 Week Assertiveness Training Group
- 4 Week Adult Survivor Group with focus on Silence and Secrecy

Let's Drum !

Interested in drumming? A new group is forming. Bring your own drum or percussion instruments. Have none? Or experience? We will provide both. York area call: Lorraine (717)229-2703 or Harrisburg area call: Judy (717)230-8610.

Harrisburg drumming will be at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg dates: Nov 10th, Dec. 8th - 7-9 pm

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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Houston at Minnesota at Midway Stadium at 8:05 p.m.

Colorado at Austin At Leander Stadium at 8:05 p.m.

NY Sharks at Oklahoma City at Taft Stadium at 8:05 p.m.

Miami at Tampa at UT Stadium at 7:05

NY Galaxy at New England at Mt. Pleasant Stadium at 1:05 P.m.

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Minnesota at Oklahoma City at Taft Stadium at 8:05

Colorado at Daytona Beach at Municipal 7:05

Austin at Houston at Dyer Stadium at 8:05

Miami at NY Sharks at Mitchell Stadium at 12:00 p.m.

Tampa at NY Galaxy at Canisius Stadium at 7:05

For more information check their web site: www.womensprofootball.com. The WNBA started slow, but ending up very well, and let us see how women's football takes off. Support your women by watching and getting involved.

PET SUPPLY DRIVE

Pet Supply Drive sponsored by the LCL (Lebanon County Lesbians) Social Groups, to benefit the Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation. This drive will end on November 18th. Drop off items at the following locations:

Harrisburg Area: MCC of the Spirit and the Pink Lizard

Hershey Area: Toni (717) 533-1067

Lebanon Area: Audrey (717)306-6885

Schuylkill County Area: Dawn (570)345-2721

Contact Toni, Audrey or Dawn for more info on what items are needed, or go to the website (<http://www.helenkrause.org/>) and check out their wish list.

COMING SOON!

Lavender Letter on the Web! At the present time this site is under construction. We hope to have it up and running by Thanksgiving. Look for us at www.LavenderLetter.com.

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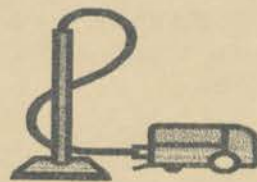
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The National Women's Health Information Center (NWHI) created this web site - Health Information for Minority Women to help you learn about the health risks of special concern for women of color. It puts a wealth of useful information together into one place for minority women, caretakers, health professionals, and researchers. To view this information on the web see this address: <http://www.4woman.org/minority/index.htm>.

LIGHT (Lesbian Initiative on Good Health and Togetherness), a project of AIDS Community Alliance, represents a communitywide effort to bring attention to issues of health pertaining to lesbian and bisexual women in the South Central Pa region. The project addresses issues of wellness and health, providing a forum for discussions, questions and possible answers. Phone: 717-233-7190 Website: www.ACA-PA.com

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