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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

April,2002

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

People who are silent today believe laws and attitudes should be inclusive of all people regardless of sexual orientation. This observation draws attention to those silenced by hatred, prejudice, and fear. Think about the voices you are not hearing and consider what you can do to end the silence.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

3 PM...Lecture at The Center for Women's Creative Expression: The African Aesthetic in Women's Art. FREE! Slide-illustrated presentation by Nataki McNeal, artist in residence. For more info: (717) 238-6244.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 - MAY 4

Theater of The Seventh Sister in Lancaster presents: See Marks. Before there was e-mail there were letters, & for the Liverpool editor, Timothea Stiles & Irish fisherman poet, Colm Primrose, these letters evolve into a long distance romance that is tested when the smitten Colm leaves his small fishing village to visit her in busy Liverpool. Sea Marks is at once charming, touching, funny & poetic. For play times & ticket information, please call (717) 396-7764, or visit their website: www.seventhsister.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7 PM...Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food with good folks! Singles and couples are welcome! Call Shirley at (717) 560-6817, or email: snoac@aol.com for reservations by Wednesday, April 10.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 - MAY 5

OPEN STAGE of Harrisburg presents: Room Service. A screwball comedy classic! It's 1937 & Gordon Miller is trying to produce a play. He's broke, his cast is hungry, & his "angel" is getting cold feet. Join in the fun as Miller & his "gang" stage the play to rave reviews, live happily ever after...and even pay their room service bill! Call OPEN STAGE at (717) 232-OPEN for times & ticket information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

4 PM...Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck. Call Marie at (717) 865-6944 for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Dar Williams in concert in Philadelphia at Painted Bride Art Center. This is a benefit concert for The Simple Way. For tickets and more information, please call (215) 925-9914.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7 PM...Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg. 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 info: (717) 234-0328 or e-mail: glsh@harrisburgpride.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9 PM...It's the C2H Reunion at The Lancaster Dispensing Company on Market St. in Lancaster! Join Bobbi, Deenie & Robin for a musical evening! Please call (717) 299-4602 for dinner reservations or more info.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Noon - 6 PM...Earth Day Celebration at Starbuck's in York PA. Local group DAE performs at 5 PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Lucie Blue Tremblay in concert in Philadelphia at the Folk Factory Coffeehouse, at the UU Church of the Restoration, 6900 Stenton Ave. in NW Philly. For tickets and more info: (215) 569-9700.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8 PM...Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus, "Singing For Our Lives", benefit concert for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition & The Mautner Project, featuring "Where I Live", breast cancer oratio by Diane Benjamin, Unitarian Church in Harrisburg. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 students & seniors).

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for good food and a fun night out! Singles & couples are welcome! Call (717) 766-0602, or e-mail: Lavlet4womyn@aol.com by Wednesday, April 24 for reservations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

1 PM...Lesbian and Gay Parents Group meeting. Please call (717) 766-0602 for more information.

Upcoming Events....

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

WOMEN'S DRUMSONG WORKSHOP WITH UBAKA HILL

8-9 PM...She's back!! For more information on the workshop call The Center for Women's Creative Expression at (717) 238-6244, or e-mail: Womencreate@aol.com. The Women's Drumsong Orchestra performs with Ubaka June 8 at the Midtown Multicultural Festival.

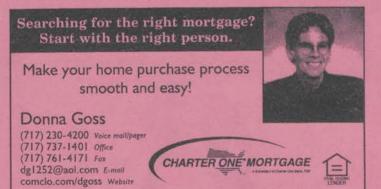
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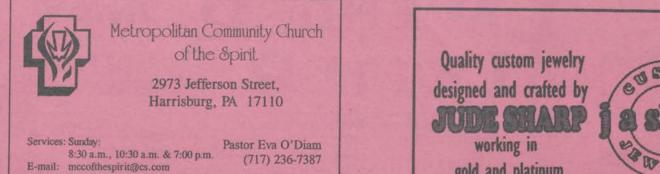
AIDS WALK 2002

We will walk on! City Island, Hbg. AND Lancaster Square, Lancaster. For more info, or to advance register for the Walk, please call: 1-800-867-1550, extension 223.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8 PM...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus presents " Singing for Our Lives", a benefit concert honoring women who have faced cancer at the York Unitarian Church. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students & seniors). For more info: (717) 234-4825, or e-mail: info@cpwchorus.org, or check the website: www.cpwchorus.org.





Spirituality....

WORSHIP SERVICES

...Dignity of Central PA meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 6 pm, at the Friends Meeting House(lower level), 6th & Herr Sts. Harrisburg, for a potluck dinner and discussion. Fellowship for gay & lesbian Catholics, and supportive non-Catholics. All are welcome. Call (717) 652-7683.

... MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)2367387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events. Website: www.mccofthespirit.org.

... Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Web site: www.uucv.org.

... Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail: UUCL@epix.net. Website: http://members.tripod.com/ ~uulancpa/index.htm.

...Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. York, 17403. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10 am. Rev. Robert Renjilian, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

... Unity Center For Spiritual Growth, 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services: Sundays 9 am & 11 am. (717) 691-0300 or e-mail: unity@bbimaging.com. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation & recognizing that all people are one in God. Website: www.unitychurchharrisburg.com.

...Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30 am & 7 pm. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: REVDCOGGIN@aol.com

.Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Sundays 10:30 am. 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA. (717) 564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". Our Interweave Committee promotes acceptance & affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: uch@paonline.com. Website: http://www.paonline.com/uchuua/.



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Support Groups...

...NOW, York Chapter, (National Organization for Women) meets on the 3rd Wednesday of odd-numbered months at the YWCA, E. Market St., at 7:30 pm. & on the 3rd Saturday of even-numbered months at various locations at 10 am. 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 7 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Call Don & Pat (717) 843-3793, or Charles & Judy at (717) 846-7633 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

...NETWORK and FORUM for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A web site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up & running. CCL was organized in 1982, published a monthly newspaper, "Images" and held many national conferences in different parts of the country. IF YOU ARE SEEKING...to connect with others on a spiritual journey for strength & support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic & lesbian...to express what's on your mind & in your heart to others who have shared your experience & understand...please join us at catholiclesbians.org. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: cathlesRU12@aol.com, or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

...The Unity Center for Spiritual Growth has an Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd & 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7 pm at the Unity Center for Spiritual Growth on Charles St. in Mechanicsburg, PA, which is behind the Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at (717) 691-0300, or Sandy at sansmagic@aol.com.

...Common Roads, formerly known as BiGLYAH, is a support group for teens & young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area who need a place to fit in, a place where their sexuality will not be held against them. The group consists of many different people from ages 14-24 & is led by multiple facilitors. We meet every Friday to talk about our problems, our good times, and to simply have fun! For more information visit our website: www.commonroads.org.

...PFLAG Central Pennsylvania meets monthly. For more information e-mail: pflagcenpa@yahoo.com, or call daytime (717) 795-0330. Their 24-hour hotline is: (717) 728-8800.

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Social Groups...

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses at 7 pm on Monday evenings in Mechanicsburg. Find out how much fun Monday nights can be! For directions & more info, leave a message at (717) 234-4825, or see the chorus web site, www.cpwchorus.org, or e-mail: info@cpwchorus.org.

...Rainbow Riders, a Gay & Lesbian Motorcycle Club in the South Central PA area. Scheduled rides and socializing. For more information call (717) 229-2703.

...Triangle Interests...A national non-profit, 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 Womyn. TI also offers financial seminars, business networking, social activities & health insurance. For more info call: (215) 487-3736, voice mail #1. E-mail: ti@triangleinterests.org. Website address is: www.triangleinterests.org.

...Shippensburg Circle. Women from the Shippensburg, Carlisle & Chambersburg area get together monthly. Connect through our e-mail list or phone. To get info or put yourself on our list, call (717) 530-1743, or e-mail: lkuj125@innernet.net.

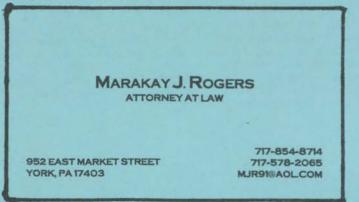
...GLORA (Gay & Lesbian Organization of Reading & Allentown) is a group that gathers at least 2x/month to do fun activities & make new friends. We sponsor a broad range of events. To contact GLORA write: PO Box 1952, Allentown, PA 18105, or e-mail: GLORAinPA@aol.com.

...Book Discussion Group. If you like to read...join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6 pm. Call Caroline (717) 545-3164 for this month's book & meeting place.

...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania. Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liason, & any other event that the group is willing to take on. Membership dues are \$10 per household. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Kate or Cindy at (717) 848-9142.

...HOWL (Hanging Out With Lesbians), is a diverse group of non-smoking womyn with diverse interests. They do just about everything from camping to concerts, frisbee, fireside chats, horseback riding, snow tubing, movie nights, you name it! These womyn know how to have fun! You can visit their website: www.homestead.com/howlofpa/index.html.

...BAGAL (Business Association of Gays and Lesbians) is a South Central Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian & Gay professional & business people offering networking, social & community service opportunities for its members & friends. BAGAL meets every other month & prospective members are invited to attend their first meeting free of charge. Annual dues are \$25 per year & payable to "BAGAL". For more information, address questions and/or payments to: BAGAL, PO Box 135, Harrisburg, PA. 17108-0135, or call (717) 612-8445.



Classified Ads....

...Housemate(s) Wanted, non-smoker preferred, to share 4 BR, 1.5 BA house in historical area of Harrisburg. Pets & rent negotiable. Call (717) 260-0202.

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FYI....

...New group forming...Looking for Jewish Lesbians! Are you interested in meeting with other Jewish lesbians informally on a monthly or bi-monthly basis? If so, please call Lisa at (717) 213-9989 and leave a message.

...Looking for new members...The Central Penn Blades Women's ice hockey team seeks players. All ages are welcome, no experience required. Some equipment is available for use. The team meets every Tuesday evening for practice at Regency SportsRink in Lancaster from 7:45 to 9:15 PM. The regular season runs from October thru March. Games are generally played on Saturdays or Sundays and some travel is involved. Practice is ongoing year round. The rink is also forming new Women's Ice Hockey Skills program this spring & summer in conjunction with the Central Penn Blades for those interested in learning more about the sport. Programs will be available for beginner to advanced skaters. For more information, call Mary at (717) 396-0712, or Denise at (717) 964-3363. This is a fun group of gay & straight women.

Art....

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S CREATIVE EXPRESSION NEW EXHIBIT

"PATTERNS: WORKS BY WOMEN ARTISTS OF COLOR"

"Patterns" is curated by Nataki McNeal, artisit in residence at the center, whose work will be featured in the exhibit. A multimedia artist, McNeal's work is rooted in the African Aesthetic principles of improvisation, symmetry, color contrast, color balance and call and response, embodying the rhythms of a spiritual journey.

Other featured artists are Nancy mendes and Michelle Green of Harrisburg, and Diane McNeal and Laura griffin of Atlanta.

Diane McNeal is the mother of Nataki, who states: "The theme of patterns developed from my experience growing up with my mother, who is a weaver. Patterns are an exploration of the cycles and intricacies of life and spirit. Patterns in our hair, patterns in the way we speak and how the griot tells our story, patterns in the things we do. We layer our patterns, integrating a complexity and language rooted in the talking drum and expressed in every aspect of our lives and cultural expression."

"Patterns" will be on view through April 21. Gallery hours are 6 to 8 pm Thursday and friday, and 2 to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday. For more information call (717) 238-6244, or e-mail: womencreate@aol.com.

Michigan!!!

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S FEST INFORMATIONAL NIGHT AND POTLUCK

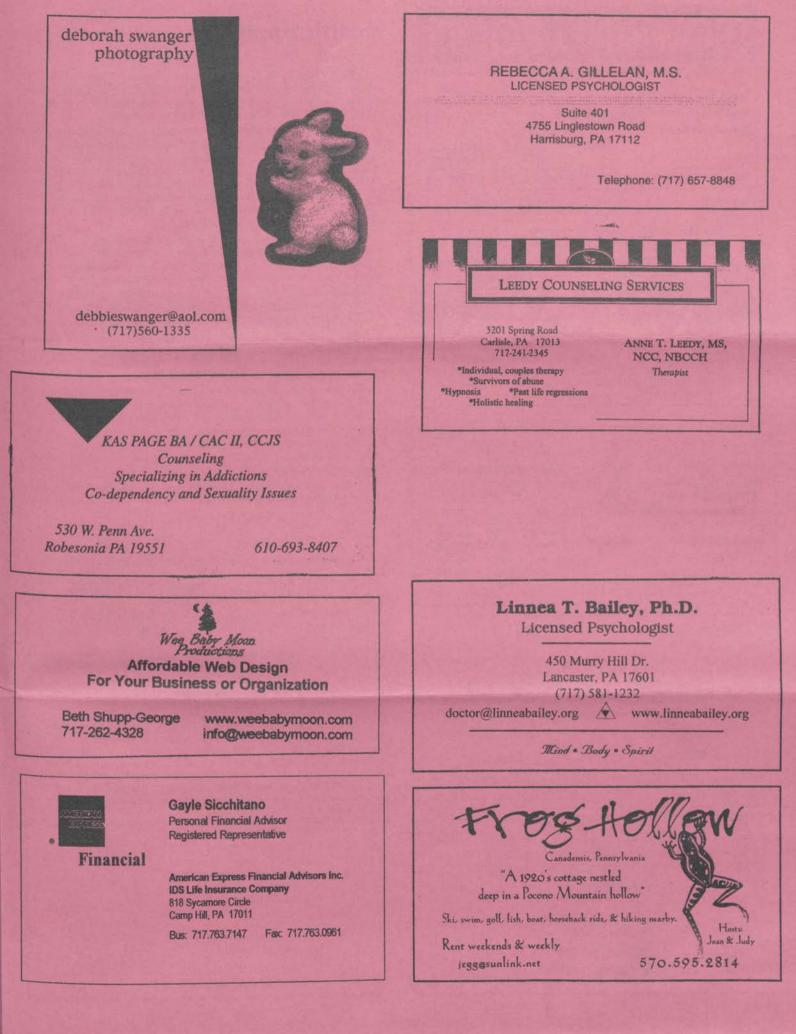
May 19 at 5 PM at The Women's Center for Creative Expression, 1507 N. Third St. Harrisburg. This fun-filled evening is sponsored by the Women's Circle, and it is FREE! If you have never been to Michigan andwould like to find out more information.....or you have been there and would like to share your experience with others, this is the place to be! Please call Bobbi Carmitchell for more info and to RSVP at (717) 872-4512. Join us for a great evening!!

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Health Spotlight....

What is Hepatitis C? It's a serious liver disease. It makes your liver swell up and stops it from working right. The liver is a vital organ. It fights infections, stops bleeding, removes drugs and other toxins from your blood. The liver also stores energy for when you need it.

How do you get Hepatitis C? You could get it from sharing drug needles, getting pricked by a needle that has infected blood on it, or being born to a mother with Hepatitis C; or even a blood transfusion, if it was before 1992. In rare cases, getting a tattoo or body piercings with dirty, unsterilized tools; even having sex with an infected person, especially if you or your partner has other sexually transmitted diseases; and even sharing razors. Recently, former Baywatch star Pamela Anderson claimed she got Hepatitis C from getting a tattoo.

Are there symptoms to look for? Many people with Hepatitis C do not have any symptoms. Others have flu-like symptoms, feel tired, feel sick to your stomach, have a fever, do not want to eat, have stomach pain, diarrhea, dark yellow urine, light-colored stools, yellowish eyes and skin.

Can I get tested for Hepatitis C? Go see your family doctor and ask for a blood test. A blood test will determine if you have it, and how serious it is. It is a potentially life-threatening disease!

Is there a cure? It can be treated with injections of a drug called interferon, alone or in combination with another drug called ribavirin. Some people have had to get liver transplants, like David Crosby from that famous singing group, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.

What can I do to avoid getting Hepatitis C? Do not share needles with anyone, wear gloves if you have to touch someone's blood, DO NOT use an infected person's toothbrush, razor, or anything else that could have blood on it. If you want to get a tattoo or body piercing, first make sure that they are a reputable shop, and second, that they use clean, sterile tools. If you have had multiple sex partners over the course of a year, it's wise to get yourself tested.

For more information about Hepatitis A, B, & C, visit the National Institutes of Health website: www.nih.gov.

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