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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

February, 1998

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998

8pm... Kate Bornstein at the Rooke Auditorium of Bucknell University. Kate is a transgendered playwright and performance artist. She will take any audience on an explorative journey of gender roles, sexuality, and societal perspectives. Call (717) 524-1315 for details/directions.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30pm... GLSEN & Allies will co-sponsor a Gay/Lesbian Film Series at Dickinson College in the Wise Center Rm., 235. For info call (717) 258-5937.

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 6-8

7th Annual National Health and Education Symposium presents: "Health & the Female". Contact Laurel Dagnon at (412) 738-2030 for registration materials. Preregistration deadline 1/15/98.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10pm-1am... Crazy Susan in concert at Nick's 1014 Cafe. N. 3rd. St., Hbg.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 7

6pm... York Women's Potluck at Cindy & Kate's in York. Call (717) 848-9142 for directions.

9:30pm-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell with her sister Anne in concert at the Lanc. Dispensing Co. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4pm... Natalie Darkes & "Boil" in concert at Twin Peaks for a very special fund-raiser. Join us in saying good bye to Chris Wise & her partner Jules Speight as they are being deported to Australia. \$4 cover to help defray moving & legal expenses.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30pm-mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Pressroom. 23 W. King St., Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

... Crazy Susan in concert at the Gingerbread Man in Wormleysburg for the Millennium Showcase with the Straightjackets. See band for details.

9:30pm-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell with her sister Anne in concert at the Lancaster Malt Brewing Co. E. Orange St., Lanc. Call (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

4:30, 6:30 or 8:30... The Pride Festival of Central PA Sponsored Valentine's Day Dinner at Heaven. Take your special someone out for a wonderful dinner at Heaven. Cost \$15/person. Call (717) 238-8112 for details and reservation. Hurry, seating is limited.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1pm... Bowling for Womyn in the Harrisburg Area. Meet at the Red Crown Bowling Center. Please call (717) 691-5577 to for reservation/directions. Sorry about last month, I didn't realize it was a "big" football day. Also join us for dinner afterwards.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7 pm... Meet the women of Pennsylvania Women Outdoors for a shop and eat extravaganza! Pennsylvania Women Outdoors is organized by, for and about women who enjoy the great outdoors. We are open to old, young, married, widowed, divorced, straight, lesbian, athletic or not. Join us in a safe and supportive environment which will expand your physical fitness level. You can get in great shape and build up your self-esteem! Invite someone along.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 & 21

7;20pm... Star Hawk will talk about Passion, Vision, & Action at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster. 538 W. Chestnut St. She is a eccofeminist and a political activist. Then join her Saturday from 10am-5pm for an all day workshop. Friday Concert only \$10.00, or Workshop \$85 adv., \$95 after Feb 15 (includes concert). Call (717) 871-2126 for info.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Shirley (717) 397-1915 for reservation.

8-11pm... Bobbi Carmitchell at the Sweet Passions Coffee Shop, 1006 N. 3rd St., Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

9pm-1am... Crazy Susan in concert at the Rusty Nail in Hbg. with the Straightjackets.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Cornerstone Coffee House in Camp Hill. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

2-4pm... Book Signing & Workshop at Her Story Women's Bookstore. 2 W. Market St., Hallam. **Rhona Sacks** will be signing copies of her new ground-breaking book that is changing the way lesbians meet: The Art of Meeting Women: A Guide for Gay Women. All womyn are invited to join in on this fun-filled workshop and gain practical, valuable information focused on making you feel comfortable in any environment, establishing eye contact, striking up a conversation, and keeping pleasant small talk going. As always, all events at the bookstore are free of charge and open to everyone.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2 pm... Her Story Women's Bookstore is pleased to present the voice of one women whose life has been deeply affected by the experience of breast cancer, survivor Lois Anderson. Lois is the catalyst behind the "Surviving Breast Cancer Support Group". She will speak at Her Story about how cancer affects us as women. You don't want to miss this unique opportunity to hear the incredible story of Lois Anderson.

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7pm... Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner & have some laughs with a fun group of singles & couples. Everyone welcome. Call (717) 691-5577 for reservation by Wed. Feb., 25th.

...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

9:30pm-12:30am... Crazy Susan in concert at the Gingerbread Man, York.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Wire, New Cumberland. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

...York Area Singles Dinner. Meet women, have fun & enjoy a great meal. Call Peg at (717) 225-6042 or (717) 738-2285.



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11am... Shippensburg Circle Brunch. Meet women from the area, talk, eat & have a great time. Bring something to share. Call (717) 530-1743.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8pm... The Central PA Womyn's Chorus presents: An evening with Kay Gardner at the Hbg. Unitarian Church (1280 Clover Lane). Tickets \$10 adv., \$12 door. Call (717) 234-4825 for info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

B-TLS Anniversary Party. Help us celebrate our 3rd Anniversary by dancing the night away. DJ Dancing, Prizes & Shot Specials throughout the night. 891 Eisenhower Blvd. For details call (717) 939-1123.

10am-4pm... A Healingsong Circle Workshop for Women, led by Kay Gardner. Bring hand drums & other percussion instruments. This workshop is for you, whether you can sing or not. Call (717) 234-4825 for more details. \$75 adv., \$90 door.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

1pm... The G & L Switchboard of Hbg & MCC of the Spirit are co-sponsoring the Volleyball Classic 98 Tournament at the Capital Union Bldg, Penn State, Hbg. For info or registration call (717) 236-7387 or (717) 234-0328.



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...UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK, 49 E. Springettsbury Ave., York. (717) 845-8212. Services: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Rev. Yvonne Miller. Childcare provided.

...UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LANC. Sunday, 9am & 11am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733.

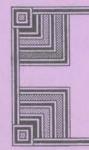
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...VISION OF HOPE MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. AM Children's Sunday School. (717) 285-9070.

Social Groups...

...Her Story Women's Bookstore features womyn-centered **Tarot Card Readings**. The first Saturday of every month. Consultations begin at 9am. No appointments necessary. Sliding scale basis. Questions? Call Her Story at (717) 757-4270.

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



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...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)

... 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.

...Triangle Interests... A not-for-profit, Lesbian membership association offering financial and business networking opportunities, educational seminars and social activities. Forming a Lesbian Credit Union... Retirement Communities... (+much more). For more into call: (215) 487-3736.

Support Groups...

...GLB Support Group of Shippensburg University, provides an affirming, positive and supportive environment where college students can share experiences around coming out, gain information about community resources and support one another in creating and maintaining happy, healthy relationships. Call (717) 532-1481 for info.



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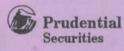
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...PFFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, 538 West Chestnut St. every 4th Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Hotline: (717) 397-1095.



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

...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.

...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.

...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.

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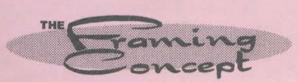
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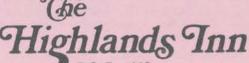
...We are the Singles Group of Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. We know there are a lot of single women out there! (or a couple who need a night out.) We would love to see you. So lets go singles, where ever you are, call Peg and start enjoying a great nite out with other singles of all ages!!! (717) 225-6042 or (717) 738-2285.

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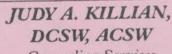
...Book Discussion Group. If you like to read, we want you... to join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. Call Kellie (717) 236-2876 for this month's book and the location of the meeting.

...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.

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

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses in Harrisburg on Monday nights. If you can sing, join the fun. For information, call Artistic Director Tom Tiehel at 230-9311.



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