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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

March, 2001

Activities

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2001

The Legend of Stone Soup is on their Winter Break! They will be hitting the studio to finish recording their second CD "Many Hands".

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 - 9 pm. . . Harrisburg Drumming Circle will meet at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. For more information call Judy at (717) 230-8610.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9 pm -Midnight . . . Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the New Carribean Bar in Manheim. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

7-9 pm . . . Bobbi Carmitchell in concert with her sister Ann at Borders Books at Park City in Lancaster. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

9:30pm-12:30 am. . . Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Coakley's in New Cumberland. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

4:00 pm. . . Game night, join us for potluck and games, bring your favorite game and a covered dish and let's have fun. For more info call Judy at 717-975-0464.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7 pm . . . Harrisburg NOW Chapter meeting at the Harrisburg YWCA 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

8 pm . . . Suzanne Westenhoefer in Concert at the Zembo Mosque presented by the Pride Festival of Central PA and the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg. For more info call (717)234-0328 or E-mail hbgpride@harrisburgpride.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

7 pm . . . Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food with good folks. Singles and couples welcome. Call Shirley at 560-6817 or E-mail snoac@aol.com for reservations.

9:00 pm. . . Bobbi Carmitchell in concert with her sister Ann at The Pink Lizard in Harrisburg. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

7:30-11:00 pm. . . MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg, will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Dance. Cost is \$3/person or \$5/couple. Come join us for a night of dancing, refreshments and fun!! For more information, please contact MCC of the Spirit at 236-7387.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

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 call 717-234-0328 or E-Mail glsh@harrisburgpride.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

7 pm . . . Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for good food and good conversation and a night away from home. Call (717)975-0464 or E-mail Lavlet4wym@aol.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

7 pm . . . Special Benefit Concert! Lucie Blue Trembley with Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at MCC of the Spirit on Jefferson St. in Harrisburg. Tickets are \$13.50 and it benefits BIGLYAH. For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512.

11 am. . . The Shippensburg Circle will be holding its monthly brunch. A chance to meet other people from the area, and get together with old friends. Bring something breakfast like for the table. We will provide the eggs and coffee. Call 530-1743 to RSVP.

Upcoming Events..

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

5-8 pm . . . All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus. Bring friends, meet friends, and make new friends. At Harrisburg Unitarian Church, 1280 Clover Lane, just off Eisenhower Blvd. Tickets are \$8; seniors and children under 12,\$4. Spaghetti, salad, homemade desserts, soda and coffee. Bring your favorite wine. For more info call Donna at 469-1377, e-mail hmspirit@aol.com, or see the chorus web site, www.cpwchorus.org.

Grand Opening! Amish Country Mini-Golf, 232 Hartman Bridge Rd(a.k.a. Rt.896), Strasburg, PA. 717-687-3850 Special Appearance by Bobbi Carmitchell-Noon till 2 pm! Join in with us for a lot of fun!

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Pridefest 2001 at Six Flags Great Adventure- Celebrate Gay Pride Month at the World's Largest Regional Theme Park. A Weekend of Activities has been planned. Call (914)923-6167 or E-mail PRIDEFEST2001@aol.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

12 noon-7 pm . . . Pride Fest 2001 is at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. Website is www.harrisburgpride.org and phone 717-234-0328 or e-mail hbgpride@harrisburgpride.org.

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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.

...MCC OF THE SPIRIT, 2973 Jefferson St., Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7:00 pm. Call 236-7387 for information. We offer Christian edu-

ational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events.

...UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Road in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles and Rev. Duane Fickelsen, ministers. For info., call 717/249-8944 or write: P.O. Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Web site: www.uucv.org

...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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March, 2001

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.

...ENCORE plus was established in 1994 to provide free clinical breast exams, Pap test and mammograms to women over the age of 40 who have annual incomes below \$15,448 (add \$5,365 for each additional dependent). Clinical breast exams and Pap test are done at Sadler Clinic, 117 N. Hanover St, Carlisle, by a nurse-practitioner. Mammograms are provided by Carlisle Imaging at their Medical Arts Building location, Wilson St. Carlisle. Interested women should call ENCORE plus at the YWCA of Carlisle, 243-3818 or e-mail, diantz@ywcaof.carlisle.org.

...NETWORK and FORUM for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A Web Site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up and 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 and support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic and lesbian...to express what's on your mind and in your heart to others who have shared your experience and understand...please join us at catholiclesbians.org. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can send email to "cathles RU12@aol.com" or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

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 rehearses Monday nights at 7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown. There is still time to join and be in the spring concert. For more information, e-mail info@cpwchorus.org, see our web site at www.cpwchorus.org, or call Joanne and Linda at 761-6958.

...Womynspirit-You are invited to a safe and sacred space where womyn may explore and express their own unique spirituality. Where we may find strength in ourselves and each other. We meet the 3rd Friday of every month in Carlisle. For details call Jennifer Polhemun, 243-6585 or Joanne Kinsey, 337-1656.

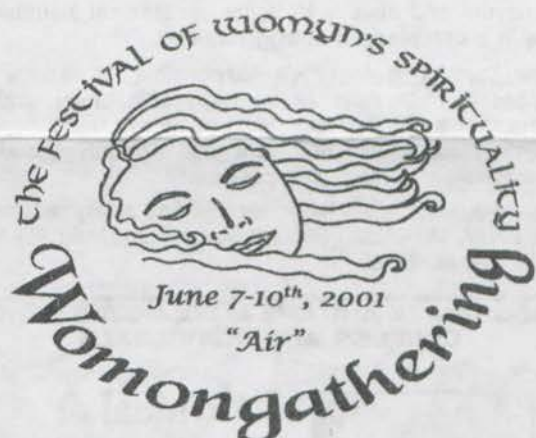
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...Shippensburg Circle. Women from the Shippensburg, Carlisle, Chambersburg area get together monthly. Connect through our e-mail list or phone. To get info or put yourself on our list, call 530-1743 or lkuj125@innernet.net.

...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.

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Counseling Advocate. Full-time position to provide hospital accompaniments services for children of sexual abuse and assist with hotline calls, and other accompaniments to court and police stations. Associates degree or one year relevant experience in crisis or Human Services required. Self motivated, detail oriented, and ability to work as part of a team a must. Computer skills a plus. Send resume to: Human Relations, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

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More Events...

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

7 pm... The Greater Harrisburg YWCA Violence Intervention Program is presenting a one-woman play by Reanae McNeal, "Don't Speak My Mother's Name In Vain." The play traces the experiences of African-American Women from enslavement to present day through a wide range of "herstorical" contexts, linked by the thread of interpersonal and institutional violence. The play is free of charge, but you must make a reservation for seating and childcare (if needed). Space is limited! Reservations: 717-234-7931. For more information call 717-238-7273, ext 3016. The Greater Harrisburg YWCA is located at 1101 Market St., Harrisburg.

LUCIE BLUE TREMBLEY & BOBBI CARMITCHELL CONCERT DATES

March 17... Boston, MA

March 21... Kingston, NY

March 24... Philadelphia @ University of Pennsylvania

March 30... Huntingdon, WV

March 31... Canton, Ohio

For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512

MONDAY, MARCH 5

8 pm... The Oyster Mill Playhouse in Camp Hill will do a performance of "One Day", sponsored by BIGLYAH and ICP (The theater is on Oyster Mill Rd in Camp Hill-take 11/15 to Country Club Rd, pass the country club, go down the hill, the theater is a lightly colored building with a ramp/porch on the front and a banner advertising "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be out front. Parking is in the adjoining gravel parking lot.) And **Wednesday, March 28** at 8pm at the Mulberry Street Arts Center in Lancaster. (The center is on the first block of North Mulberry St). If there are any questions contact Bobbi Carmitchell at 872-4512 or The Institute for Cultural Partnership at 238-1770 (located in Harrisburg).

MARCH at the PINK LIZARD

Tickets on sale now thru March 14 at the PINK LIZARD for Suzanne Westenhoefer's March 15th performance at the Zembo Mosque

- Fri-Mar 2 9PM DJ NANCY** from the old D-Gem returns to spin your favorite tunes!
- Fri-Mar 16 9PM BOBBI & ANN CARMITCHELL** kick off St. Patrick's Weekend
- Sat-Mar 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY** Green Beer Specials & More!
- Fri-Mar 23 10PM ALEXUS KANE** Female Illusionist Show
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Health Spotlight

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Did you know that colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. for both men and women combined?

Colorectal cancer is highly preventable. It can be caught in its earliest, most curable stages through screening tests. If discovered early, it's up to 90 percent curable. However, many people are too embarrassed to talk about this subject with their doctors. Don't be!

Our most effective defense against this disease are: regular cancer screening, and a low-fat diet high in fruits and vegetables. While a diet high in fruits and vegetables may not prevent this disease, this diet does provide overall health benefits and is still recommended.

The risk of developing colorectal cancer does increase with age. Everyone over the age of 50 should be tested regularly for this disease. Minorities, particularly African-Americans and Hispanics, are at a higher risk for this disease and should be tested at an earlier age.

It's important that you should know your family medical history, as this disease can be hereditary. For more information about this disease there is a website: www.preventcancer.org/colorectal/aboutcolo.cfm. Don't be stupid with your health! Get educated!



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