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A Calendar of Events for and by Lesbian Women
in Central Pennsylvania

IN REVIEW: This spring marks the beginning of Lavender Letter's eighth year. A word of thanks to the many people who have contributed to the continued growth of the L.L. with their patience, energy and time. Every ad, every bit of information, opening homes for get-togethers, and words of cheer that keep this publication going each month is appreciated far beyond the expression of these few words. We thank you.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Ladies for the 80's April Fool's Day Party at the Enchante, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ. Call (609) 784-8341.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 5 p.m....Lambda Alive Spring Dinner Dance. (Reading Area) Club 124 - 6 p.m. dinner. Club 124, 124 n. 4th St., Reading. \$13 (non-members \$15). Reservations by March 24. Call 373-7939 or 372-0382.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - Bobbie Carmitchell in Concert at Mackley's Mill, 305 S. Broad St., Hellam.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Mackley's Mill, Hellam, PA. 757-6778 \$2.*oo cover.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 10:00 P.M. The Sirens in concert at Mike & Dot's in Mifflinburg on RT 45.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7. Women's Studies Conference at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. "The Female Body: Reality and Represent-ation". All-day conference. Call 524-1360 for details.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7. Billie Holiday born 1915.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 - Passover begins at sunset.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 P.M. Open Mike at Mackley's Mill, Hellam, PA For a variety of up-and-coming local talent. \$2 cover. 757-6778

8:00 P.M. Lecture by Sara Waddington, attorney who successfully argued the Roe vs. Wade case legalizing abortion. Vaughan Literature Auditorium, Bucknell U., Lewisburg.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - SUN APRIL 15. Catholic Conference for Lesbians. Poconos. Socialize with local Catholic women. \$25 includes meals. Call 347-5461 for details.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 10:00 P.M. - 1:30 A.M. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Cafe MJ on 6th St. in Harrisburg.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 - EASTER SUNDAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meeting at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg. 795-0330.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 8:00 P.M. Women's Film Series, "Against Her Will: Rape on Campus". Walls Lounge, Bucknell U., Lewisburg.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. Film and discussion "The Power Pinch: Sexual Harassment and the Law" Attorney to lead discussion. Bucknell U. Gallery Theater.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 P.M. Joy Harjo, Native American poet at PA College of Technology Women's Series. Williamsport, Academic Center Auditorium. 327-4763 ext. 7269 for details.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (and APRIL 26) International Women's Day Video Festival on deep dish TV (Sat Com 4, Transponder 22). Call you local public cable tv center and ask them to tape and replay on your local public access cable channels.

8:30 - 12:00. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21


York Area Women's Potluck. Great way to meet new faces and renew friendships while enjoying good food. 235-3603 or 848-9142 for directions.

7:00 P.M. Lancaster Women's Potluck. About 30 enjoyable women each month. Good food, good company. \$2 donation and a dish of your choice or non-alcoholic beverage. Friends Meeting House, 110 Tulane Ave.

7:00 P.M. Dinner at Mackley's Mill sponsored by Dignity and York Support (M-F). 305 Broad St., Hellam. Reservations - 652-7683 or 846-9636 by April 18.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 3:00 P.M. Ladies for the 80's Springtime in New Hope at the Cartwheel, Rt. 202. Free Buffet. (609) 784-8341

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. Victims' Rights Speakout. Victims of discrimination and violence give personal testimony about their experiences. Candlelight vigil. Walls Lounge, Bucknell U., Lewisburg.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 8:00 P.M. Natalie Darkes, Renee Bartholomew and Jill Warfel in concert at Mackley's Mill, Hellam. \$2 cover. 757-6778.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

27th - 29th Ladies for the 80's Rainbow Mountain Weekend. Annual "T" Dance in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. \$100 - \$140 per person. 1-223-8484.

7:30 - 11:00 P.M. "Spend an Evening With Women of Mystery" at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Park Ave. and 51st St., N.Y. City. First major celebration of women mystery writers. Informal conversation with Mary Clark, Marilyn French, Charlotte McLeod, Sharyn McCrumb, Suzanne Kirk. Includes wine reception, buffet supper, door prizes and more. \$75 advance, \$90 at door. Write: Mary Ellen, 47-49 East 65th Street, N.Y., NY 10021 (212) 570-5001.

10:00 P.M. The Sirens in concert at Mike & Dot's in Mifflinburg on Rt 45.

Mary Wollstonecraft, famous woman's historian, born 1759.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Conference: PA Justice Campaign for Lesbians and Gay Rights. "The Bottom Line - A Time for Action." Speakers, workshops. \$25 includes lunch (\$30 after April 21). Calvary United Methodist Church, 4901 Locust Lane, Hbg. Checks payable to PA Justice Campaign.

10:00 P.M. - 1:30 A.M. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Cafe MJ on 6th St., Hbg.

7:00 P.M. Harrisburg Area Women's Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and something to drink. If you have a musical instrument, bring it along for after dinner. Market St., Camp Hill. 975-9968 for address.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 P.M. Covered dish supper sponsored by York Support Group (M-F). Tableware and beverage provided. Discussion will be on March 12 Newsweek article on the future of Gay Americans. New Visions Bookstore, 570 N. Belvidere Ave., York

6:30 P.M. Lambda Alive (Reading Area) movie night. Unitarian Universalist Church, 416 4th St., Reading.

6:30 P.M. Lambda Alive (Reading Area) sponsored movie night. Whoopie Goldberg. Times of Harvey Milk and more. Popcorn and soda provided. Donation \$2. Unitarian Church Social Room, 418 Franklin St., Reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 9:00 p.m. - 12 Bobbi Carmitchell in Concert at Barrels, park city, lancaster.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 7 and 9:00 p.m. Kate Clinton, Feminist Humorist, witty, sharp, clever, outrageously funny, irreverent, outspoken and darn good looking. University Museum, Harrison Auditorium, 33rd & Spruce Sts., Phila. \$12.50 advance, \$15 at door. Ticketron 1-800-233-4050 or Giovanni's Room (215) 923-2960 (interpreted for hearing impaired)

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Anyone interested in participating in open mike at Mackley's Mill. Call Mary 848 -1969.

CHURCH EVENTS

LANCASTER M.C.C.

SUNDAY SERVICE 7 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - Good Friday service at church

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 - Easter Sunrise service at Lancaster County Park; breakfast to follow. Call Church for time.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING IN APRIL

7-9pm Grief Support group. Introductory study of grieving applies to loss of person, lover, relationship and how we deal with it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 7p.m. - 9p.m. Human Auction. Need someone to mow your lawn, paint, wash your car or cook dinner for two? Come to the auction at the Unitarian Church, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - 13- 20-27: 8 P.M. Coffeehouse. Topics for discussion, activities. Call church for details.

Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church of Lancaster, 610 Second St., 392-2729.

M C C OF THE SPIRIT, HARRISBURG, 319 S. Front St. 236-7387.

HARRISBURG M.C.C.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service - downstairs, Friends Meeting House. A light supper will be contained within the service.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 7:00 P.M. Reflection Gathering. Church office, 319 S, Front St.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE - 11:15 P.M. followed by Easter Breakfast. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts.

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EAST COAST LESBIAN FESTIVAL. JUNE 14 -17 in Upstate New York (Catskills): Alix Dobkin, Sue Fink, Kay Gardner, workshops, crafts Call (718) 643-3284.

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg 234-0328
Lancaster Gay/Lesbian Helpline - 397-0691



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NEXT MONTH: Dr. Dell Emmah will be dispensing advice to any Lavender Letter readers who have questions about Life, Love, Loneliness and Lesbianism.

Send your questions to her c/o the Lavender Letter, or call (232-1201) and leave a message. We can all learn from each others' dilemmas!

A A (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) for Gay People
Harrisburg Area - Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr
Sts. Monday - 8-9 p.m., Friday 8:30 - 9:30 p.m..

AUGUST 23-26, Woman's Motorcycle Festival. A full weekend of novice to expert women on bikes: formations, trips, demonstrations, networking, workshops and much more (including good food.) Write: W.M.F., 7 Lent Ave. Le Roy N.Y., 14482 (For cabin space reservation call Jenny - 1-432-2157)

Iris Glen Feminist Camp - July 20-30. A women's retreat on the South River, Annapolis, Maryland. Women of all backgrounds welcome. Opportunity to sail, canoe, windsurf, kayak, swim, have fun together and discuss feminist issues. \$75 per weekend, mid-week \$25 per day. (\$250 entire time) Partial fee for staff or workshop leaders. Write: Iris Glen Feminist Camp, P.O. Box 265, Edgewater, Maryland, 21037 (301) 951-9040.

WOMONGATHERING - May 18-20 - A weekend of spirituality and sharing: chanting, rituals and relaxation. Info.: RR#5 Box 185, Franklinville, N.J. 08322.

CAMPFEST 90 - Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-28 near Oxford, Pa. Workshops, Theater, Videos, Crafts, Singles Activities, Vegetarian & Non-veggie meals. Cabins, tenting, hot showers, olympic pool. (thru Mon. - \$145. Fri - Mon. \$130) Write: Campfest Festivals, RR #5 Box 185, Franklinville, N.J. 08322. Call (609) 694-2037 or (412) 463-1318.

Philadelphia Gay Parade & Festival. **Saturday, June 2.** From Rittenhouse Square to Penn's Landing. Info. on how you or your group can get involved (609) 881- 5108. Craftspeople welcome (215) 238-9062.

National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. **April 24-28, 1991** is asking for tax-exempt donation for advance deposit of meeting space. Anyone interested in making this a reality write to N.L.C. Box 1999, Decatur, Ga. 30031-1999.

As you receive your national census you will note a question about "unmarried partners." The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force urges us to answer honestly. Stand up and be counted. We are everywhere!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 5:00 P.M. Dignity sponsored Mass and Potluck dinner. Program showing of film Outcast, on video. (Gay foreign language film from China) Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 5:00 P.M. Dignity sponsored Seder and Potluck Dinner (no shellfish or pork dishes). Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg. 652-7683.

STATE COLLEGE

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1:30 P.M. T.L.C. sponsored Women's Basketball Finals, potluck & video.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 8:00 P.M. Lecture Series: "Women Scientists: 1940-1970" HUB Gallery, PSU

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 P.M. TLC Potluck dinner.

9:00 p.m. AIDS Benefit Dance (M-F). Tickets at LGSA office.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 6:00 P.M. TLC sponsored out-to-dinner. Call by Thursday to reserve place.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00 P.M. State College Area Lesbians Without Partners. Singles (open) support group. For location and info. call (814) 237-1950 or TLC.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 7:30 P.M. TLC planning meeting.

SUNDAY APRIL 29

TLC sponsored afternoon hike. Call for time and place.

5:00 P.M. Meeting of Lesbian Mothers' group. Mothers and partners welcome from other areas, as well as kids. Potluck. Beverages provided. RSVP by April 27. (814) 237-5520

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 8:00 P.M. Lecture Series: Lesbian and Gay Studies. "New Kid on the Block". HUB Assembly Room, PSU.

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SPORTS

YORK: Women's Soccer (mixed teams) at John Rudy Park. Sign up week of April 7. Call Ann at 854-9786. Meets Sunday afternoons and Wed. eves.

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