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Lavender Letter

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

JANUARY 1985

IN 1985 WE WILL BE PLEASED TO CONTINUE BRINGING YOU THE LAVENDER LETTER EACH MONTH. LAST YEAR IT COST \$1,200 TO PRODUCE AND CIRCULATE THIS "FREE" NEWSLETTER. LAST YEAR WE WERE FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY 6% OF OUR FRIENDS. WILL YOU PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS THIS YEAR BY SENDING A \$4 (more if you can, less if you can't) DONATION WHICH WILL HELP DEFRAY COSTS. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS KEEP THE LAVENDER LETTER GOING - THANK YOU and HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER STAFF OF THE LAVENDER LETTER!

Mail to: P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, Pa. (Please make checks out to CASH).

Women's Bowling League is beginning second half season. We need you! Meet Monday evenings 5:30-7:00, Cost is \$4 plus shoe rental (25¢). Novice bowlers more than welcome. 85% Handicap for more even competition. Please call 233-3035, ask for Pat for more info.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1st - 2-6 PM... Greet the New Year with Dignity at Father Sawdy's annual OPEN HOUSE. 222 Herr St., Hbg. Call 238-5380 for more info.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5th - 2-6 PM (by appointment)...Dignity continues its tradition of offering the annual BLESSING OF HOMES AND ANIMALS. Father Sawdy will visit your home and lead prayers asking God's blessing on you, your pets and your possessions. For info. and appointment call 238-5380.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6th - 7PM...MCC Worship service. Guest Speaker Cathy Houchins from Norfolk, VA. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6th - 5PM...Dignity Mass for the Gay and Lesbian Community celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany and the last of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Potluck Supper follows at 6 PM, (don't bring desserts) and a special program to close the Christmas Season follows at 7:30 PM. Call 234-8179 for more info. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

MONDAY, JAN. 7th - 5:30 PM...Harrisburg Area Women's Bowling League. Start of the Second-half season. New bowlers welcome, or come to watch the fun and excitement. Call 233-3035 and ask for Pat.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8th - 7:30 PM...Meeting of Dignity's Women's concerns Committee. Call 766-0819 for more info.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12TH - 5 PM...Members of Dignity attending the 8:00 PM performance of TORCH SONG TRILOGY at Hershey Theater will meet for a cocktail reception. For info. call 234-4550.

SUNDAY, JAN. 13th - 7PM...MCC of the Spirit worship service. This is Third World Ministry Sunday with the Rev. Virginia Bates speaking. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

MONDAY, JAN. 14TH - 5:30 PM...Hbg. Area Women's Bowling League - (See Mon. Jan. 7th)

SATURDAY, JAN. 16th - 7:30 PM...Lancaster Women's Potluck. Good food, conversation, and many new faces. Call Helpline at 397-0691.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19th - 2:00 PM...Dignity Retreat. Fr. Bill Ratchford will lead an afternoon of prayer, reflection, and dialogue. The day will conclude with Mass followed by Supper. Everyone is invited to attend all afternoon or just for mass (6:00 PM) or Supper (7:00 PM). Bring fruit or cheese if planning to stay for Supper. Call 234-8179 for more info.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19th - MCC sponsored Game Night. Call 238-4339 for more information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20th - 2:00 PM...Dignity sponsored Worship Service for Women. Offering Women a chance to come together in an intimate, reflective, non-traditional way for devotions and friendship. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg. Call 766-0819

SUNDAY, JAN. 20th - 7PM...MCC of the Spirit Worship Service. Bob S. from Harrisburg will speak. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20th - 5:30 PM...Dignity's Superbowl Sunday Party. An evening of fun watching the game together. Barbecue provided - bring beverage, munchies. Call 232-3861 for location.

MONDAY, JAN. 21st - 5:30 PM...Hbg. Area Women's Bowling League (See Mon., Jan. 7).

TUESDAY, JAN. 22nd - 7-8:30 PM...Lesbian CR Intro. Meeting. Here's your chance to sample what CR (Consciousness Raising) groups are like and to decide if you'd like to join the one forming. The CR group will involve an 8 week commitment but the sample session is without strings. Topic: "The Bars" Call 737-5570 for more information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27th - 7PM...MCC Service. Guest speaker will be Mary Ann VanFossen from California. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27th - Fundraiser for NJ Campfest (Womyns Music Festival) featuring a Buffet, Music by the womyn's band Girlfriends, D.J. Rhonda, Dancing, Open bar from 4-5 PM, and a women's marketplace. Held at Key West, Asbury Park. \$6. Call 201/988-7979 or 609/488-8095 for more information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27th - 7-10PM...Lambda Alive's Wear Lavender Skating Party at the Sinking Spring Skatarena (Reading area). Tickets \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door, available at the Scarab, Red Star, Nostalgia, or Alternative Booksellers. Remember to wear LAVENDER!

SUNDAY, JAN. 27th - 5-9PM...Second Annual L.L. Spaghetti Buffet. Bigger and Better than before featuring All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti and salad with beer, wine, soda or coffee, good company and conversation, and Bobbi Carmitchell (Of Wind n' Wood) performing from 7-8PM. DON'T MISS IT! Donation \$7. includes everything. Call 232-7144 for more info.

MONDAY, JAN. 28th - 7:30PM...Dignity's Evening Prayer. An hour of psalms, prayer, bible sharing and discussion. Call 766-0819 for location.

WE WANT YOU TO SEND IN THIS COUPON ONCE, SO YOU WILL BE SURE TO RECEIVE THE LAVENDER LETTER EACH MONTH. TO ASSURE YOUR PRIVACY, IT WILL ARRIVE IN AN UNMARKED, SECURITY ENVELOPE. A DONATION OF \$4⁰⁰ (MORE IF YOU CAN, LESS IF YOU CAN'T) WOULD HELP COVER POSTAGE & PRINTING FOR THE YEAR.

PLEASE SEND CHECKS IN THE NAME OF "CASH". THANKS!

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If you have any news of events that others should know about, send them to: P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, PA 17105

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MONDAY, JAN. 28th - York Area Womens Support Group. Call 848-9142 for location.

MONDAY, JAN. 28th - 5:30PM...Hbg. Area Women's Bowling League (See Mon., Jan. 7).

MCC Harrisburg has changed its name to MCC of the Spirit. Meets Sundays, 7PM at Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg. P.O. Box 11543, Hbg., Pa. 17108. Phone 232-7040 (machine) or 234-3086.

NOTICES

Gay Woman needs roommate or roommates to share 5 bedroom house in uptown Harrisburg. Call 232-6215.

Available now - Looking for 2 Women to share 2 Bedroom Apt. Quiet section of York. No pets or children, \$275 including heat. Call 1-848-1969 for more info.

Women's Group forming dealing with INCEST ABUSE. \$15 per session. Contact Marsha Davis, M.S.W. immediately at 234-1711.

SUPPORT GROUP...concerned about a friend, relative, or lover who has a problem with alcohol or drugs? Dealing with memories of experiences with someone suffering from an addiction? Contact Lambda Alanon/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics). Identity and information strictly confidential. Call Deb at 238-4339 or Shari at 234-3086.

Lesbian Slide Show - "Lesbian Sexuality" and "Lesbians in Action" are the categories in the 3rd National Lesbian Slide Show and Competition scheduled for March 1985. The show and competition is sponsored by Herizon, a women's social club in Binghamton, N.Y. Cash prizes of \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 will be awarded. Write (self-addressed stamped envelope) to NLSSC, c/o Herizon, P.O. Box 1082, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902. Deadline March 1, 1985.

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La Bear Cafe - 247 North Queen Street, Lancaster, 392-6322, serving food and non-alcoholic beverages, T-W-Th, 11-8PM F-S 11-10PM, Sun. Brunch 1-5PM. A quasi-vegetarian cafe specializing in gourmet coffee and ham-beargers.



Jude and Sue wish you the best of New Years, Sharp Jewelers
50 North Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa. 291-1611
M-W-TH 10-5:30, TU&FRI. 10-9,
SAT. 10-5

Deadline Date for information in The Lavender Letter is the 20th Please include a contact person (not to be listed in L.L.) if we need additional information.

Wanted - Creative Ideas for financing Lavender Letter!! We are looking for activities that are enjoyable, not overtaxing to produce and work. If you can brainstorm an ingenious idea, please pass them on to us. (We won't force you to work on them!)

FRIDAYS, 7-9 pm... **Dignity sponsored volleyball**, Salvation Army, Cumberland & Penn St., Hbg. Donation \$1.25.

Fresh natural honey for sale. Organically grown beehive. Call 432-2157.

Lambda Alanon and gay/lesbian **Adult Children of Alcoholics support groups forming.** Contact Deb, 652-4449 or 234-3086.

Reading Gay AA. Meets every Wednesday 8 pm. Call Andy (215) 375-4864.

Women's Outdoor Club (Phila.) is planning ski trip to Poconos. No experience necessary. Call Lesbian Hotline, 222-5110.

Glow, a group of older women in the Philadelphia area meeting for support and recreation. Write Glow, Box 53431, Phila. 19105.

RESOURCES

Dignity Central Pa., Harrisburg. Mass 5pm, First Sunday of the month, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. Write P.O. Box 297, Federal Square Station, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of State College Area. 814-237-1950 (6-9 pm daily).

Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg. 234-0328. Monday thru Friday, 6 to 10 pm.

Harrisburg Area Women's News (HAWN). A monthly newspaper for all women of the Hbg. area. \$6.50 per year. Write HAWN, Room 204, PSSU Building, 1037 McClay St., Harrisburg, 17103.

Harrisburg Gay A.A. Fridays 8:30 at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr. For additional info, call the Gay Switchboard, 234-0328.

Heathcote Center Inc. A women's collective. 21300 Heathcote Rd., Freeland, MD 21053 (301) 343-0280.

Lambda Alive: P.O. Box 4313, Reading, PA. 19606

Lancaster Gay / Lesbian Help Line. 397-0691. Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

MCC Harrisburg. Meets Sundays 7 pm at Friends Meeting House, Hbg., 6th and Herr. P.O. Box 11543, Hbg., Pa. 17108. Phone 232-7040 (machine) or 234-3086.

MCC Lancaster. Services each Sunday at 5pm. Meets at the Unitarian Center, Lancaster.

MCC-Williamsport meets every Sunday at 1 pm at the YWCA, 815 W. 4th Street, Williamsport. P.O. Box 5114, South Williamsport, PA 17701. For info call 238-3746.

Parents of Gays. We're parents who love and support our gay children. We'd like to meet your parents to help bring them around. Please call 238-2376 Harrisburg. (215-682-2145 Allentown and Reading.)

West Branch Gay Support Group (Williamsport). Every Monday night at 7pm. At the James V. Brown Library, E. 4th St., Williamsport.

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