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Lavender Letter

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A Calendar of Events for and by Women
in Central Pennsylvania

January 1992

In Review: Bobbi Carmitchell's Christmas Celebration at the Timbers in Mt. Gretna was an elegant affair. A hundred women came in their finest attire and dined on a superb buffet. The live music ranged from classical trio to creative audience participation. A great way to welcome the holiday.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

3pm... Ladies for the 80's sponsored party to start the New Year off right! Held at the Two Four Club, St. James St. Phila. The largest dance floor in Phila. Always a great time with the Ladies.

1pm... GLORA (Reading/Allentown) sponsored Game Day in Reading. Call Diana: (215) 868-7183.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

12noon-5pm... Organizational meeting for the National March on Washington D.C. April 25, 1993. This is the second meeting in this area and a call is out for persons of color and women to attend. The meeting will be at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6th and Forster Sts., Hbg. The last meeting missed representation from Reading, Lancaster and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. Call 609-869-0741 for info.

8am & 1pm... Frontrunners meet at Front and Walnut, Hbg.

7pm... York Area Singles Night Out. Dinner followed by discussion at someone's house or planned activity. Meets every Saturday night. Call for reservations before 7pm on the Wednesday before. Sue: 741-2448, Peg: 225-6042, Lancaster: Sandy: 653-1863. An excellent way to meet people from a wide area.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:30... Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

6pm -9:30pm... Susquehanna Lambda of Williamsport Switchboard training session. Call 327-1411, or wright: P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport, Pa. 17703.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9-12... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Nick's Cafe on 3rd St. in Hbg.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30... Harrisburg Area Ladies Night Out. Dining at a local Gay owned restaurant. RSVP by Wed. Jan 8, 7pm. Leave name and number at 232-1201.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30... York Area Potluck. Call for location: 848-9142.

4:30... Lavender Supper Club meeting at Wendy's on Lancaster Ave, Reading. Call (215) 589-4854.

8am & 1pm... Frontrunners meet at Front and Walnut, Hbg.

7pm... York Area Singles Night out. See Jan. 4.

10-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Checkers on N. Mulberry St. Lancaster.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

6pm... Susquehanna Lambda of Williamsport regular meeting at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport. Discussion topic is open.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5pm... Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8am & 1pm... Frontrunners meet at Front and Walnut, Hbg.

7pm... York Area Singles Night out. See Jan. 19.

10-1:30am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Lancaster Dispensing Co. on Market St., Lancaster.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

3pm-6pm... Dance 'till You Drop Hop. Learn to do the electric slide, twist, two-step, jitterbug, cha cha, stroll, square and other fun dances at the first Dance Workshop with qualified dance instructors. Sponsored by Lavender Letter, Harrisburg Professional and Business Women and York Singles. Refreshments. Send \$5.00 (by Jan 10 to guarantee your place) with your name and phone number to L.L. Box 1527, Hbg. 17105. \$10.00 at door if space allows. Location: Lakeside Lutheran, at Green and Division Sts. Hbg.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7pm-9pm... PFLAG Central Pa. Chapter meeting at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg. Call 795-0330 for ques.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30... Bereavement Support Group for people who have lost a close friend, a family member or a life partner to Aids. This group is free. Meets weekly. Powell's Valley (Zion) United Methodist Church between Rt. 225 and 147 on Million Dollar Rd. in Halifax. Not a religious group. Everyone welcome. Call and leave first name and number. 896-3107.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7pm-10... Gay/Lesbian Skate sponsored by switchboard for the March on Washington at the Olympic Skating Center, Enola, (outside Harrisburg). The Oct. Skate was attended by more than 100. Tickets :\$4.00 advance. Send SASE to P.O. Box 614, Hbg., Pa. 17108. Or call: 234-2250. \$5.00 at door.

GLORA sponsored (Reading) night skiing at Blue Mountain in the Poconos. Call for info: (215) 868-7183.

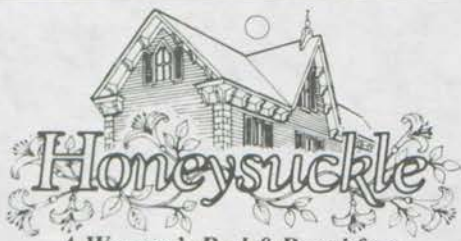


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Deadline for paid reservations to be received for the Cultural Branch of the Professional and Business Women's Group to the Lucie Blue Tremblay concert on Feb. 8 in Philadelphia. \$16.50 If you would like to attend with this group call 236-5574 (Hbg.) or 291-4658 (Lancaster) before Jan 23rd. For a schedule of this group's events write: Karon VanGelder, 1709 Green St., Hbg., 17102.

5pm... Frontrunners of Harrisburg meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy 3 miles.

8pm... The Second Amateur Night at the D-Gem. 4425 N. Front St., Hbg. All singers, musicians and comedians welcome. No cover. Those interested in performing call 732-2798. Have a beer, enjoy the show.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

8pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Voice For Choice "Rowe Rally" at the Chameleon on Water St. in Lancaster.

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7pm... GLORA sponsored Hat Party Potluck in Reading. Call (215) 868-7183.

8am & 1pm... Frontrunners meet at Front and Walnut, Hbg..

7pm... York Area Singles Night Out. See Jan. 4.

10-1:30... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Grandfalloons on E. Princess St. in York.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

4:30pm... Superbowl Party. Bring a covered dish. To RSVP and for directions, call Kim at 653-7128 or Natalie at 540-7725. Harrisburg Area.

Lambda Alive (Reading) sponsored Game Day. Call for location. (215) 589-4854.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

5pm... Harrisburg Area Frontrunners meet at Front and Walnut Sts. Easy three miles.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7pm... Parents and Friends of Gays, Central Susquehanna Chapter (4th Monday of month) Tressler Lutheran Church, Rt. 45 (near Brookpark Farm) in Lewisburg. Call for info: 742-9530.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Infinity, 3rd floor of the Stallions. Off 3rd and Briggs Sts. Hbg..

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30pm... Lucie Blue Tremblay in concert at University Museum Harrison Auditorium, 3rd and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia. Tickets: \$16.50 in advance, \$18.00 at door. Giovanni's Room (215) 923-2960 or Ticketmasters (717) 693-4100. Dress in blue.



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Vision of Hope MCC 110 Tullane Terrace, Lancaster, Service on Sunday at 7pm, 392-2729.

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Dignity of Central Pa. Services Second Sunday of each month, 6pm, 652-7683

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

4pm-8pm... Dignity sponsored hospitality at Father Sawdy's at his townhouse 222 Herr St., Hbg. 238-5380.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

5pm... Dignity sponsored Mass, Potluck dinner, Program : New England Gift Exchange and Crowning of Epiphany King/Queen. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr St, Hbg.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30pm... Dialogue Discussion Group. 1514 N. 2nd St, Hbg.. Topic to be announced.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

6pm... Lutherans Concern of Central Pa. at Messiah Luth., 6th and Foster Sts. Hbg. Potluck and Meeting. 232-9582.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7pm... Dignity North Central (Williamsport) at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport. (3rd Thursday of each month)

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IF AT ANY TIME YOU CANNOT REACH A NUMBER LISTED IN THE LETTER OR FEEL IT IS INCORRECT, FEEL FREE TO CALL THE L.L. AND WE WILL GET THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR YOU. (717) 232-1201.

SPORTS:

Capital Area Women's Rugby Football Club needs new members. They have 20 and would be happy with more. Practice starts at the end of February. Plays local colleges. Call Sherri, 561-0099. Meets at Fort Hunter, Hbg.

White Rose Women's Soccer League games are played at John Reedy Park off rt 83 (ex 11) in Emigville.

Reading Allentown Area is forming the Velvet Spikers, a Gay and Lesbian Volleyball League. Experts and beginners welcome. Call (215) 434-0379.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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Harrisburg Area Professional and Business Women -see Jan. 19.

The Lavender Letter will be running a column in the Center Piece for Valentine Wishes for your Honey. For \$1.00 a line (app. 10 wds. per line) you may make a tasteful dedication to your Sweetheart, or a Friend. Send by Jan. 20, with name and tele. no. to: L.L. Box 1527, Hbg. 17105.

The Williamsport Area has recently begun a new group. The Identity Support Alliance (ISA). A support group for anyone with an identity crisis who is interested in giving/receiving support. For info Call (717) 322-8738.

Heather Neill, Artisan/Woodworker will have her work on display at the Smithsonian Museum Shop at the Renwick Museum, 17th and Pennsylvania Ave., Wash. D.C. the months of Nov. through Feb. '92.

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YORK HOSPICE IN GEAR

Joy Ufema would like to thank the hundreds of people who helped to ready the York Hospice for opening for AIDS patients this past Dec. 15. The walls are papered, the woodwork painted and even a playroom provided; all with donations from the community. Feel free to visit. 145 S. Duke St., York. They are now taking referrals for adults, children and infants. (717) 846-5872.

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PATRIOT-NEWS GIVES GAYS CLOUT

The Business section of the Harrisburg Patriot News ran a Dec. 1, '91 special on the business clout of Gays and Lesbians. Gay male households have an average income of \$51,325; Lesbian households average \$45,927, compared to the national average of \$36,000. Of the 4% of people in the U.S. that earn over \$100,000, 15% are Gay Males, 3% Lesbians. In a national survey of 20,000 Gay people the total Gay market is \$394 billion.

In June '91 Shell Oil was ordered to pay \$5.3 million for firing Jeffrey Collins because he was Gay. In Oct. '91 Lotus Development Corp. offered benefits to partners of Gay employees. Ben and Jerry's (Ice Cream) Inc. has offered health benefits to Gays and Lesbians since 1989.

30.1% of all Gays and Lesbians have advanced college degrees. 62% of Gay males are college graduates, 59% of Lesbians, compared to all men-24% and all women-17%. 39.1% of Gays and Lesbians vacationed outside the US in '91. 65.3% of Lesbians go camping.

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