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Lavender Letter

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A Calendar of Events for and by Women
in Central Pennsylvania

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In Review... Ten years ago, a group of us sat around a table drinking coffee and moaning over the lack of community in the Hbg. Area. I would have been the last one to believe that our conversation would have led to 10 years of continuous publication of the newsletter known as the Lavender Letter. It has been a privilege and, though sometimes frustrating, a pleasure to serve this community. The privilege has been in meeting so many talented, giving and creative women. The pleasure has been in seeing our once non-existent community develop and spring out in dozens of areas and begin to develop a character of its own. Having grown with this paper, I feel it's now time to step aside and let the younger generation, with its new energy and ideas, have a turn at the plate. I welcome my assistant-editor, Jody Evans to the helm, with all her excitement, know how and eagerness. I thank her for being willing to do this not-so-simple job with a dedication that is not so common, but necessary. I know you will give her the support you've given me in the past as I look forward to getting the L.L. in the mail. Feel free to call the new L.L. number (717) 732-8010 to give her your ideas, events or just your encouragement. It's been great fun. Lorraine.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Ladies of the 80's, "Auld Lang Syne" party at the 2-4 Club in Phila. The party starts at 3 pm & goes all night long. Call the Ladies Hotline for more info (609) 784-8341.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00pm... TLC of State College Video Night (bring a snack). Call (814) 238-2885 for more info.

6pm... Bobbi Carmitchell, Kathy Jones & Barb Barton in concert at Ream's Family Restaurant. The area's newest Womyn's Coffeehouse, 5 mi. South of Middletown, on rt. 441 in Bainbridge. \$5 cover, includes: coffee, tea, hot cider & hot chocolate. No smoking & no alcohol. (This will be Bobbi's last performance in the area until the end of Feb. She will be going on tour with Lucy Blue Tremblay.) Call (717) 872-4512 for more info.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6-10pm... Womyn's Ski Night at Ski Roundtop. Beginners welcome. Call the L.L. at (717) 732-8010 for prices/meeting place, or just show up and find the crowd. (We'll be easy to find!)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30pm... TLC of State College meeting. Call (814) 238-2885 for more info.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30pm... Hbg. Area Ladies Night Out at a great Mexican Restaurant. Call 232-1201 for reservation by Wed., Jan 13.

FRIDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 15-18

International March & Stonewall 25 planning meeting in Dallas, TX. Reps. from Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and AIDS activist groups will meet to build the next International March on the United Nations to affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian & Gay People. This is the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in NYC. For info on the conference, or the story of the Rebellion, write to: Stonewall 25/Conference Committee, 208 W. 13th St./New York, NY 10011-7799.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8-11pm... TLC of State College Coffeehouse. (814) 238-2885 for info.
6:00pm... Hbg Area Womyn & York Area Singles are teaming up for a Bowl-n-Brew at the Red Crown Bowling Center (near Paxton Street, Hbg.) All womyn/couples welcome. Call the L.L. at (717) 732-8010 or Peg in York at (717) 225-6042 for reservation by Wed., Jan. 13. Even if you don't bowl, come to cheer!!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

4pm... Ladies for the 80's buffet party at The Den in Somerset, N.J. Near Rutgers University 1/2 hr. from NYC. Call (908) 545-7354 or the Ladies Hotline (609) 784-8341 for info.

JANUARY 23-30

Annual Gay Ski Week in Aspen, Colorado. This year's Ski Week will also be an Amendment 2 protest. Colorado has recently passed Amendment 2 which negates gay-protection laws in Colorado. Basically, this means that under Colorado Law, Gay's have no rights. Instead of Boycotting the Ski Week, the organizers of the event are calling for tens of thousands of Gays & Lesbians to come to town to protest the Amendment. "The blacks did not leave Alabama. They marched on Selma. We are not going to the back of the bus. We are not accepting bigotry. We are coming to Aspen." says Robin Tyler, one of the event's producers. "I don't care if a Gay skis or not. Every Gay or Lesbian should get their ass in Colorado for the Gay Ski Week." Typically, the Ski Week was a social event full of parties & skiing, this year it is packed with fundraisers and lectures, along with a long list of celebrities & politicians who are invited to join the protest. Anyone interested in joining the protest or just going for the Ski Week may call Zeller Travel of Brownstown to make travel arrangements. 1-800-331-4359 or (717) 859-4710.

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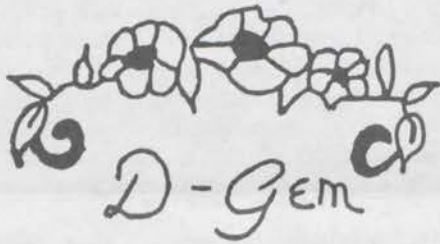
7-9pm... League of Gay & Lesbian Voters meeting at the Schlow Library. State College. Call (814) 238-2885 for more info.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00-10pm... 2nd Womyn's Ski Night at Ski Roundtop. Everyone is welcome. Call the L.L. at (717) 732-8010 for prices/meeting place, or just show up.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

8pm... An evening with Julie Gustafson. A Feminist Film and Video Series sponsored by the Community Education Center, 3500 Lancaster Ave., Phila. \$5. general admission. For info call Gina at (215) 387-1911.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

7 & 9pm... Kate Clinton brings her "Non-Traditional Family Values Tour" to Philly for two shows. The University Museum, 33rd & Spruce Sts. Call (215) 224-5355 for tickets.

Church...

Integrity, a new chapter of Lesbian & Gay Episcopalians has been established in Bethlehem. Meetings are the 3rd Monday at 7pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 E. Market St. Bethlehem. Call (215) 758-8642 for info (evenings).

MCC of the Spirit is forming a Church Choir, lead by Dan Krynak of the Hbg. Men's Chorus. We especially need women's voices. Call the Church Office, 236-7387 if you are interested.

SUNDAYS

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

...MCC of the Spirit, at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Hbg, Sunday: Bible Study at 5pm; Service at 7:30 pm 236-7387. Bible Study, each Wed. 7:30 at Church office: 1818 Green St. Hbg.

...Dignity of Central PA Services First Sunday of each month, 5pm, Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and Program. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Harrisburg, 652-7683.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8pm... Lucie Blue Tremblay & Bobbi Carmitchell in concert, The University Museum, 33rd & Spruce Sts. Phila. Gen. Admission: \$17 in advance & \$19 day of the show. For tickets call (215) 224-5355.

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7pm... Gay & Lesbian 6th Annual Volleyball Open, sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg, MCC of the Spirit & Dignity/Central PA. at the HACC Gym, 3300 Cameron Street Rd., Hbg. Anyone interested in forming a team (of at least six players) must be registered by Feb. 6th. Call Rich at (717) 236-9200 to register your team. Individual players may register as "free agents", to be assigned to teams. Pledge sheets will be distributed upon registration, all players are responsible for collecting & submitting. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers! Spectators welcome, sneakers or gym shoes only.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1-7pm... Valentine's Day Dance at Altland's Ranch. Sponsored by York Area Singles & Her Story Bookstore. Bring your Sweet Heart or meet someone special at the Dance. This is the time of year to fall in Love!! There will be a live DJ. Refreshments provided, Proceeds will be donated to a local womyn's organization. Call (717) 225-6042 for more info.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7-9pm... Goods & Services Auction to Benefit "The Custody Defence Fund", at Friends Meeting House, State College, PA. This case is fighting the battle of a Lesbian mother and her lover for custody of her child! For details on the Case or to donate items or services to the auction, please call Beth or Sandy at (814) 237-5520. (Please make note of the corrected date, thanks.)

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MAY 27-31, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Don't miss out on the fun of Campfest's 10th year near Oxford, PA. Lea DeLaria, Dos Falloia, Pam Hall, Suede, & Cris Williamson (to name a few!). To get on the mailing list write: Campfest, RR5, Franklinville, NJ 08322.

Social Groups...

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...For this month's Business and Professional Women's Group get together, call: 234-0461.

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