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A Calendar of Events, for and by Lesbian Womyn

December, 1993

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7-9pm... **The Single Person's Guide to Buying a Home** Book Seminar at Encore Books, Hampden Centre, Mechanicsburg. Lead by the author, Elaine J. Anderson.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

8pm... The Community Education Center presents their Fourth Annual Local Artists Screening, an exciting selection of the best new work by area women film and video makers. Come celebrate our diverse and thriving local media community! Artists will be present. \$5-general admit., \$4-students/seniors. 3500 Lancaster Ave., Phila. Call Lisa at (215) 387-1911 for info.

6pm... Meet York Area Lambda for the Tree-lighting in downtown York. NW corner of Duke & Market in front of Lafayette Club. Dinner at Blue Moon at 7pm, RSVP to Peg (717) 846-2089.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

6pm... Lavender Supper Club at the Yellow House Hotel, Rts 562 & 662, Reading. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange, Call (215) 944-6183 for reservations by Nov. 24th.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Bobbi Carmitchell's 4th Annual Womyn's Christmas Dinner. Full course dinner & music. The Timber Dinner Theatre, Mt Gretna. \$20/person. Call (717) 872-4512 for tickets.

GLORA's 4th Anniversary (G & L Organization of Reading & Allentown) Dinner is planned at Diamonz in Bethlehem. Call Diane at (215) 868-7183 for info.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30-8pm... A new group for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth ages 14-24 in York. Sponsored by York Area Lambda (tentatively called LJ's - Lambda Juniors) meets 1st Mon. & 3rd Tues./month. For info call Cindy/Kate (717) 848-9142 or Peg/Del at (717) 846-2089. Leave a message.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

10pm... Karaoke at Nostalgia in Reading. \$2.00 cover. Call (215) 372-5557 for details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

11am... GLORA of Reading & Allentown will travel to Longwood Gardens (near Philly). Anyone interested in joining this day of fun, call Thomas at (215) 948-4756 or Diane at (215) 868-7183.

... Country & Western Night at Nostalgia in Reading. Call (215) 372-5557 for details.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 & 11

9:30pm - 1:30am... Natalie Darkes in concert at White Oaks in Shermans Dale. (Off Wertzville Rd.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:30pm... **Ladies Bowl 'n Brew!!!** Everyone welcome. Red Crown Bowling Center. Call (717) 732-8010 for reservation by Friday, Dec. 10th. See you there!!!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30pm... Harrisburg Men's Chorus sings "A New Wassail" St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 128 South Belvedere Ave. York. \$8.00/person - \$5 students. & seniors. Send check to P.O. Box 3302, Hbg, PA 17105.

...Announcing 3 community forums for the 1994 Central PA Pride Festival. You can help. Find out what's Happening. Express your needs & views. Please plan to attend one of these meetings to help plan for the 1994 Central PA Pride Festival.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30-9:30pm... Lancaster's Pride Festival Community Forum, at Issac's Corp. Office, City Crossings, 354 N. Prince St. Suite 220.

6:00pm... Meet for a night of Skiing at Ski Roundtop (Snow permitting). Whether you're a beginner or an advanced skier, join us on the Mountain! Reservation by Sunday, December 12. Leave mssg. I'll call you with the place/cost. (717) 732-8010.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30-9:30pm... Harrisburg's Pride Festival Community Forum at Planned Parenthood Bldg, 1514 N. 2nd St, Lower Level, enter thru rear door of Building.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30-9:30pm... York's Pride Festival Community Forum at Issac's Restaurant Conference Room, Village at Meadowbrook, 2960 Whiteford Rd. Across from the Galleria mall.

7pm... Lambda Alive of Reading regular meeting. Call (215) 944-6183 for directions.



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 & 18

5:30pm - 1:40am... Natalie Darkes in concert at the Quality Inn, off Rt. 72, Lebanon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

8pm... Harrisburg Men's Chorus sings "A New Wassail" Zion Lutheran Church, 15 South 4th St. Hbg. \$8.00/person - \$5 students. & seniors. Send check to P.O. Box 3302, Hbg, PA 17105.

Barb Barton's CD Release concert, Hot Wire, New Cumberland, (717) 774-8807.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30pm... York Area Women's Potluck and tree trimming. With 12-foot ceilings in the apartment, who knows how big the tree will be this year? Bring a dish to share, and Deck the Halls in York. For location call (717) 846-2089 or (717) 848-9142.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30-8pm... Lambda Juniors for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth ages 14-24 in the York area. For info/location call Cindy or Kate (717) 848-9142 or Peg or Del at (717) 846-2089. Please leave a message.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

YAL (York Area Lambda) Progressive Open House. Call (717) 846-2089 for info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve party at Nostalgia in Reading. Call (215) 372-5557 for more info.



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SPIRITUALITY...

Women's Spirituality Circle. An open circle for Wimmin wanting to explore their Spirituality. We gather to share Wimmin's Holidays, Moon Ceremonies, Rituals of Empowerment, Drumming, and Discussion. Call Kim or Barb (717) 697-8066 for info.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster services at 9 am & 11 am, Sundays. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. Dr. Kit Howell, (717) 393-1733.

...Vision of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. Service on Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. Phone #: (717) 285-9070.

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...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.

...Grace Covenant Fellowship, 10th and Chew Sts., Allentown (215) 740-0247. Pastor Bryan Rowe. Services on Sunday 10:45am.

...MCC of the Spirit, at Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Hbg, Sunday. Service: 7:00 pm. Singspiration starts at 6:50pm. Call 236-7387 for information. MCC of the Spirit Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. Call (717) 236-7387 for location. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person. Join us for our upcoming sessions on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Church office: 1818 Green St. #1, Hbg.

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December, 1993

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8pm... Back by popular demand for a Special Valentines' Day Concert, Nancy Day promises fun and romance at an event to help underwrite the 1994 Pride Festival. State Museum Auditorium, 3rd & North Sts, Harrisburg. Ticket info available in Jan.

APRIL 22-24, 1994

The AIDS Quilt is coming to the Penn State York Campus for a public display. A local committee has been working to pull this together, and now your help is needed. We need lots of volunteers to commit to a 2 hour shift on any or all of the exhibit days. We especially need people who can come on Thursday to help with the unfolding ceremony. The names of those who died will be read from a list, so readers are needed. This will take a huge volunteer effort to pull off - please call Cindy at (717) 848-9142 or Peg at 846-2089 to volunteer.

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SOCIAL GROUPS...

Triangle Interests... A not-for-profit, Lesbian membership association offering financial and business networking opportunities, educational seminars and social activities. They are forming a Lesbian Credit Union & Retirement Communities (+much more). For more info call: (215) 844-6348.

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

The **Center for Women Students at Penn State**, University Park sponsors many film series/discussion groups on women & Lesbian concerns. For more info/brochure call (814) 863-2027 or write: Center for Women Students, 102 Boucke Building, Penn State University., University Park, PA 16802.



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The **Women's Resource Center at Bucknell University** sponsors various events throughout the month. Poetry readings, self defense classes, art exhibits, discussion groups, etc. Call (717) 524-1375 for their monthly calender.

...**York Area Singles** has something to do on the weekends!! A great way to meet other women. Dinner every-other Sat. Nite, call for reservations by the Thurs. before. Call for Calender of other events. Contacts: (Lanc.: Nancy 394-3621.) (York: Peg 225-6042, Pat 767-4721, or Kit 252-4454).

...**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: potlucks, mini-golf, bowling, dances, road trips, hiking, skiing, movies, etc. Call Diane for more info. (215) 868-7183.

...**Ladies First & Third Saturday Party**. Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at the 2-4 Club in Phila. 8pm w/ \$1 drinks till 9pm. \$5 admission before 10:30pm - \$7 admission after 10:30pm no admission after 12:30 am w/out a 2-4 club membership. Call (609) 784-8341 for info.

SUPPORT GROUPS..

The Lehigh Valley's Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Anyone interested in participating may contact the Grace Covenant Fellowship Church, Allentown. (215) 740-0247.

For a complete calender of Lesbian health services & counseling events at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. Call (202) 797-3585 V/TTY. Offering a wide variety of services including Alternative Insemination, Black Lesbian Support Groups, Building Stronger Self Esteem, etc.

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...**Victim Assistance Project**, at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, Wash. D.C. This program provides peer counseling & referrals for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual victims of hate crimes, sexual assault, domestic violence & discrimination due to sexual orientation. Feel free to call to participate in these programs or to volunteer for training programs. (202) 797-3518.

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...**LAMBDA AA** - meets Monday: 8-9pm & Friday: 8:30-9:30pm at Friends Meeting House (social room) 6th and Herr Sts. Hbg.

...**As We Are, Gay Alcoholics/Narcotics Support Group**, 7:00pm Wednesdays. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St. Williamsport.

MCC Women's Support Group will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 3pm, at the MCC of the Spirit Church office. 1818 Green St., Apt 1. Call Stephanie at (717) 232-0671 or Eva at (717) 236-7387 for more info.

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...**FACT (Fighting Aids Continuously Together)** has formed a chapter in Bucks County. For more info call (215) 598-0750 or write Box 516, Buckingham, PA 18912.

...**Lesbian Parenting/Support/Discussion Group**: 1st Wed. and 3rd Sat. (Potluck) 7:00 pm... Lancaster Area. Meet women who are considering pregnancy or adoption and those who have already experienced parenthood. Call (717)-786-9294.

...**"YOUR TURF"** - a support group for Gay & Lesbian youth, ages 18-25. The group deals with the fear & isolation from family, friends, schools & churches, as well as explores sexual identity.

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...**P-FLAG** of Lancaster (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meets 7-9pm every 2nd Tuesday at the 1st Reformed UCC, 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Call the Lancaster Help line for more info. (717) 397-0691.

...**P-FLAG** of Harrisburg meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Dr. off Wesley Dr., Mechanicsburg. For more info call (717) 795-0330.

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Roommate Wanted - 2 bedroom apt, downtown Hbg. \$275/month covers rent & utilities. Call 236-8012.

FESTIVAL STAGE has announced the release of the first annual Women's Music Calendar for 1994 which will feature: Susan Herrick, Lisa Koch, Seraiah Carol, Alice DiMichele, Julia Haines, Pam Hall, Lesbian Lounge Lizards, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Maile & Marina, Lynn Thomas, Jennifer Berezan, and Maria Breyer and Robin Burdulis of Rhythm Express. Proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be donated to each artist represented. The calendar is available from FESTIVAL STATE, P.O. Box 2165, Upper Darby, PA 19082 for \$10.95 plus \$2.00 s & h.

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The **D-Gem** is now available for private parties, birthdays, receptions & reunions during the upcoming summer months. Call (717) 255-9488 for info. Ask for Helen or Pat.

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Integrity, Lesbian & Gay Episcopalians meet in Bethlehem. Meet-
ings are the 3rd Monday at 7pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 E.
Market St. Bethlehem. Call (215) 758-8642 for info (evenings).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30pm... Dignity Board of Director's meeting. Dignity Office 1514
N. 2nd St. Hbg. For a schedule of other events for Dignity, Call
their information number at (717) 232-2027.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7pm... Dignity Board of Director's meeting. Dignity Office 1514 N.
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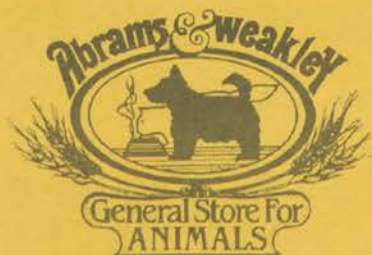
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:30am-7pm... Day of Miracles at the Vision of Hope MCC, 130
E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. (717) 285-9070. Activities all
day long!! Performances by: Hbg Men's Chorus & others.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:30pm.. Christmas Eve Service at Vision of Hope MCC, 130 E.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

6-8pm... Dignity Christmas Desserts & Coffee RSVP to Frank or
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30pm-1am... Dignity's New Years Eve Open House. Bring
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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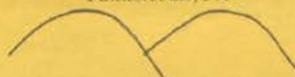
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