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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

February, 1995

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 pm... D.A.E. in concert at What If... Cafe. N. 6th St, Hbg. Call (717) 238-1155 for reservations. \$3.00 cover.

7:15 pm... Lambda Alive Ice skating at the Timberline. \$3.75/person. Skate rental available.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 pm... Bobbi Carmitchell and Tom Reese & Laurie Haines performing in a double concert at the Oyster Mill Playhouse in Camp Hill. Call (717) 737-6768 for directions. \$8.00/person. (This is a non-smoking, no alcohol event.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 pm... The First, Monthly, Lavender Letter sponsored, **Lancaster Ladies Night Out!!!** Meet for dinner and great conversation. Call the L.L. at (717) 732-8010 or (717) 392-0441 for location. See you there!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30-mid... Mid-Winter Lesbian Dinner Dance at the Germantown Cricket Club sponsored by Triangle Interests. Enjoy an evening of elegant dining and dancing with friends and sweethearts. Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, photo memento. Seating for singles and parties up to 8. \$40/person. Paid reservations must be received by 2/7. Call (215) 487-3736, VM box #8, for reservation form or membership info. Forms also available at Giovanni's Room.

8-10 pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in Concert at the What If... Cafe. Call (717) 238-1155 for info/reservation. North 6th St., Hbg.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12



1 pm... Harrisburg Women's Bowl'n Brew!!! Red Crown Bowling Center. Please Call (717) 732-8010 to let us know you're coming. Anyone for dinner at Crockenberry's afterwards?

...Susan Herrick in concert at the Lansdowne Folk Club, Women's Music Benefit For Local Women's Agencies. (215) 622-3512.

3 pm... Valentine's Day party at the Cartwheel, Rt. 202, New Hope. Call (609) 784-8341 for details.

5:30 pm... York Area Lambda Potluck and General meeting. York attorney Lil Morgan will speak and answer questions on issues of interest to us. YWCA, 320 E. Market St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group at Encore Books. Women On the Edge of Time, by Marge Piercy. Call (717) 761-BOOK for details/time.

FEBRUARY, 16-25

The Fulton Opera House will present the play "A... My name is still Alice", satirical songs and sketches ignite with the wit and wisdom of the female mystique in a hilarious musical romp that will charm even the most die-hard chauvinist. Tickets avail. by calling (717) 397-7425. \$18.75 - \$23.75.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:30-12:30... Natalie Darkes in concert at Dewey's Dry Dock & Deli. 2nd & Walnut Sts. Hbg.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 pm... **Attention!!!** Ladies, are you tired of the same Saturday Night options? How about joining us for an Alternative Potluck BYOB & F (food). For great conversation/games and dancing afterwards. Call Nance at (717) 852-3134 for location.

8-10 pm... Valentine's Square Dance sponsored by MCC of the Spirit & the Chesapeake Squares at the YWCA, 320 E. Market St., York. \$3.00. Tickets at the door or call MCC at (717) 236-7387. No experience necessary. Singles & couples welcome!

8-10 pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in Concert at Nick's Cafe. North 3rd St., Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8 pm... Urvashi Vaid, former Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force will deliver a lecture entitled "The State of the Gay & Lesbian Movement" at the Bucknell University Forum located in the Elaine Langone Center, 2nd fl. For more info call Cindy Peltier at the Center Gallery (717) 524-3792.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 pm... D.A.E. in concert at What If... Cafe. N. 6th St, Hbg. Call (717) 238-1155 for reservations. \$3.00 cover.



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6:30pm... Hbg. Area Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner at a local restaurant for food, fun & wonderful conversation. Call (717) 732-8010 for reservation by Wed. Feb. 22nd.

Upcoming Events...

MARCH 3-5

North Hampton Get-away Ski Weekend. A bus will leave from the Hbg. area. \$170-\$200/person incl. skiing, hotel & much more. Call (717) 938-0649 for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

7pm... The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg's 8th Annual Volleyball Tournament at the HACC Gymnasium. Spectators welcome but you must wear sneakers. Donations encouraged. To obtain pledge forms, register players or teams, or receive additional information, call (717) 234-0328.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19


Bobbi Carmitchell's Womyn's Music Night at the Oyster Mill Playhouse in Camp Hill. 2 show times... Featured will be new original music, instrumentals and a string quartet. \$8.00/person. Call (717) 737-6768 for details.

APRIL 7-9

4th Annual Lesbian Dude Ranch Weekend in the Poconos. A wine and cheese reception kicks off this popular weekend. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities all weekend long — nightly dancing to country western and contemporary music, hours of horseback riding, organized sports and games, hayride, bonfire, rodeo, indoor pool and sauna, game room and more. Presented by Wild Hearts Adventures. Space is limited so make your reservation early! Weekend includes rustic, yet comfortable motel/cottage accommodations and all meals. Cost: \$189 - \$235 per person. Call for brochure and reservation form (215) 844-6309.

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APRIL 8

8 pm... Nancy Day in concert at the State Museum to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg. Tickets are \$7.50. Tickets available by sending to GLSH, P.O. Box 872, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

7-10pm... The 1995 Central PA Community Awards Banquet and Concert featuring Suede. \$30 per person. Casa Rillo's Ballroom, Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 545-8411 for ticket info. Black tie optional.

MAY 19TH-21ST

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Reading Area... Age 55+ University & Professional Lesbians and their friends: new group forming. Meeting to be held soon. Get acquainted and help plan activities. Call (610) 644-2941 or (610) 948-9746 for info.

Central PA Womyn's Chorus Rehearsals are on Mondays 7:00pm at the United Church of Christ, Green & Verbeke Sts. Hbg. We need womyn to share their voices and administrative talent, so if you love to sing and can make the commitment, call Rose or Donna at (717) 561-0365.

...To get on the mailing list for the **Business and Professional Women's Group**, call: (717) 234-0461.

...**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 calendar.

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...**Susquehanna Lambda** regular monthly meeting (2nd Sunday of the month) 507 W. 4th Street, AIDS Resource Office (look for blue lights in the window). 6pm, (Officers meet at 5:30pm) For info write P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport, PA 17703, or call (717) 327-1411.

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

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...**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 Calendar of other events. Contacts: 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 (Parties for Women by Women) First Saturday Party**. Every 1st Saturday of the month at the 24th Ward, St. James St., Phila. New look, new attitude. 9pm w/\$1 drinks till 10pm. You must be in the club before 1am unless you have private club membership. Call (609) 784-8341 for info.

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...Penn State has formed a Gay, Lesbian & Bi-sexual Alumni Group. The purpose is to promote the general welfare and self-affirmation of Lesbian, Gay & Bi-sexual students and alumni and to promote interaction with allies and friends. Anyone interested in more info, or joining, call Kyle Richards at (814) 863-7696.

...We are interested in starting a Lesbian & Gay Support Group for employees of the Hershey Medical Center. Contact Katrina (717) 964-1871, or Mary (717) 228-1326. Or write: L&G Support Group, P.O. Box 507, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.

...**ACOA ACCEPTANCE GROUP** — Sundays, 9:00-10:00 am at the What If... Cafe, 3424 N. 6th St., Uptown Hbg. near WINK 104. Open to all Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Straight Adult Children of Alcoholics and ANYONE raised in a dysfunctional home.

...Group in the Philadelphia area for **Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse** by Women Perpetrators. Co-facilitated by Ellen Mitchell, Ph.D. & Marta Zehner, M.S.S., for more info call Marta at (717) 755-7431 or Ellen at (215) 849-7945.

...**Lehigh Valley's Gay & Lesbian Task Force.** If you are interested in getting involved, send your name, address & phone # to: LVGLTF, Box 20253, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0253.

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

...**Lambda AA** meets Thurs. and Sat. evenings in York. Call (717) 292-1665 for locations.

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...**Susquehanna Lambda** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 507 W. 4th St. Williamsport at 6pm. Call (717) 327-1411 for info.

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

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



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...**MOIRA**, a Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bi Youth in York meets the 1st Monday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. (717) 854-6613 or (717) 292-5368 or (717) 244-5264.

...**Bi-GLYAH** support group for Bi, Gay & Lesbian Youths ages 14-25 meets at the Planned Parenthood Bldg, 1514 N. 2nd St. Hbg. at 7pm the 1st & 3rd Fri. of the month. Call (717) 652-7683.

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...**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.

...**P-FLAG** of Lancaster 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 York now meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at the Lutheran Social Services, 1050 Pennsylvania Ave. Everyone is welcome. Friendly & confidential. For more information and directions call Pat at (717) 843-3793 or Cheryl at (717) 846-3271.

...Support group for family, significant others & friends of people with HIV, 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 6pm at the SCAAN office in Kline Village, Hbg. Call (717) 238-2437.



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Rev. Merriman has served as the senior pastor of VOH, MCC since August 31, 1987. In this time, under the leadership of Rev. Merriman the church has grown 7 times its original size; increased its operating budget of \$7800 annually to \$65,000 annually; purchased our own facility for worship; has expanded community relations and public awareness; and so much more.

Sunday, January 29 was Rev. Merriman's last sermon. She plans to remain in the area doing public speaking among other things. The Lavender Letter wishes her well in her new endeavors.

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

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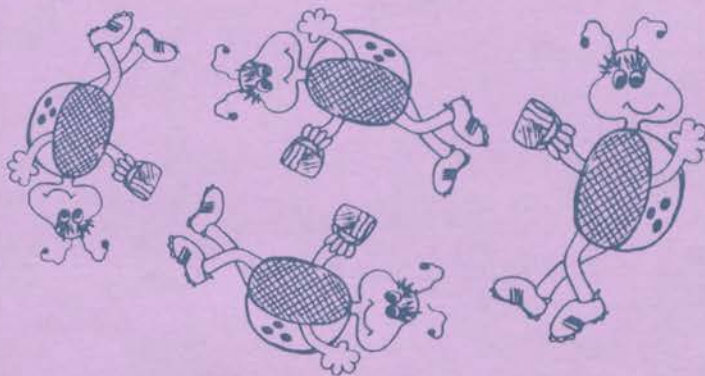
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