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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

January, 1997

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

12:30am... (late Sunday night) In the Life, a TV program made for and by Lesbians & Gays. WITF Channel 33.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

10pm-1am... Change of Heart in concert at Nick's 1014 Cafe. 1014 N. 3rd St., Hbg. (717) 238-8844.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

9pm-1am... Change of Heart in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry. (717) 741-1175.

7pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Join us for dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Sandy at (717) 626-6154 or Shirley at (717) 397-397-1915 or e-mail Jean at quiktan@aol.com.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

8pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Wire in New Cumberland. Call (717) 872-4512 for details/directions.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

3pm... Martin Luther King Party at the Cartwheel, Rt. 202, New Hope. 1 hr open bar. Call (609) 784-8341 for details.

**SATURDAY, JAN 18**

8pm... Bobbi in concert at the Wire in New Cumberland. Call (717) 872-4512 for details/directions.

10am-2pm... The Central Pennsylvania Freedom to Marry Coalition is sponsoring a lesbian-gay-bisexual-allies community summit: "A Day to Share Our Strength", at the Friends Meeting House, Prospect Ave, State College. (snow date, January 25th)

The purpose is to identify & define mutual concerns, foster mutual support, develop strategies, introduce all active organizations, & strengthen the efforts of the LGB community by sharing information. Each area organization in attendance will be allowed to make an informal presentation of their group, it's purpose and activities. A lunch break will provide time for socializing and networking, followed by a discussion for brainstorming and problem solving.

There is no limit to how many members of an organization can attend, but only one or two people from each group may be a part of the presentations.

Pre-registration will assist in planning for the event & would be appreciated, though there will be registrations at the door. Send your name & ph# & the number of people attending to CPFTMC, Calder Square, P.O. Box 11112, State College, PA 16805-1112. Or call (814) 867-5848, or <http://unfunf.chem.psu.edu/~toba/cpftm>

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

...Change of Heart in concert for a Superbowl Party at the Papertown Inn, Spring Grove. (See band for tickets).

...Join Bobbi Carmitchell in Concert for a Superbowl Alternative party at Borders Bookstore in York near the Galleria Mall, Mt. Zion exit of Rt. 30. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:30pm-1:30am... Change of Heart in concert at the York Valley Inn, 3883 E. Market St, York. (717) 840-0748.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

5pm... All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Dale Martin & Eva Flink. This benefit is to raise funds to help rebuild after the devastating fire. This is also a benefit to rebuild Dale & Eva's collection of music and books, lost in the fire, which were a very important part of their lives. Dinner is from 5pm-8pm at the Sadsbury Friends Meeting House in Christiana, PA. Admission is \$3.00 per person **plus any new or used music tape or book**. There will be a chinese auction to help raise funds. The deadline for reservations is January 25. Call Ann (610) 857-2480, Becky (717) 399-9099, or Loretta (717) 687-9040 for details. Also... A king sized Quilt (valued at over \$600) will be raffled off at the dinner for \$5.00 per ticket. You need not be present to win. For a description of the quilt, or tickets, call the previous numbers.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9pm... Breaking the Code, Mobile Masterpiece Theatre. The True store of Alan Turing, the brilliant British mathematician, who's success in breaking the Nazi's secret code, Enigma, was vital to the allies' victory in World War II, and who was later persecuted by his government for his homosexuality. WITF Channel 33.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

7 pm until 12 midnight... 4th Annual Mid-Winter Lesbian Dinner Dance at the Flourtown Country Club. Hers d'oeuvres, cash bar, full course, sit-down dinner and dancing to live music from *Natural Reaction*, an all-women band. Cost: \$45 members; \$50 nonmembers. Reservations must be made and paid for by 2/3/97. Call for reservation form, (215)487-3736, VM#8. Proceeds to benefit *Triangle Interests*, a nonprofit lesbian membership organization.

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...**Dignity of Central PA** (Hbg) Services: First Sunday of month, 5pm, Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and Program. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. 1st & 3rd Monday, Dialogue & Discussion Group, 1514 N. 2nd St., (use side door), (717) 652-7683.

...**MCC of the Spirit**, at their new Church 2973 Jefferson St., Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7:00 pm. Call 236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events.

...**Unitarian Society of York**, 49 E. Springettsbury Ave., York. (717) 845-8212. Services: 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided.

...**Unitarian Universalist Church of Lanc.** Services: 9am & 11am on Sundays. Vesper Meditative Service: Tues. Evening at 7 pm. 538 W. Chestnut St. Lanc. (717) 393-1733.

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

## Social Groups...

**Book Discussion Group Now forming.** Monthly Discussions will begin in January. Call (717) 236-2876 for the name of the 1st book & start reading!

**LAMBDA ALUMNI** the Penn State Alumni Association for Lesbians, Gays & Bisexuals. They sponsor many events and are fully supported by Penn State University. To become a member of Lambda Alumni write to: Lambda Alumni Interest Group, P.O. Box 10215, State College, PA 16808-0125.

**FREE SPIRIT** is Bloomsburg University's Community for Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, as well as our friends and family. We offer support, information, discussion, and activities to create awareness, advocate social change... and just have fun! For info call Wendy Lee-Lampshire, Ph.D., Dept. of Philosophy, (717) 389-4332 or e-mail at lampshire@planetx.bloomu.edu.

**The Central PA Womyn's Chorus**, the musical voice of the Lesbian and Feminist Community, rehearses on Monday nights in Harrisburg. New members are admitted periodically throughout the year. For info., call President Rose Samuel at (717) 469-1377.

...**YAL (York Area Lambda)** Educational, Political & Social Group of Lesbian/Gay & Bi people in the York area. Newsletter included with paid dues. For more info write P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405 or call (717) 848-9142.

...**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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The Billboard to be constructed December 10, 1996 is scheduled to stay in place until January 10, 1997. Members of the York Lambda organization hope this caring message to the community will help people to better understand the mutual support of people that is needed in our vastly changing multicultural society.

It is also hoped that Gays and Lesbians from other areas will see this message and be inspired to provide a similar message to their communities.

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**Q:** My friend wants me to co-sign on a loan for her. She said that I would have no responsibility to re-pay the loan. I have an excellent credit history, but my friend has terrible credit. She is really a good friend and I don't believe she would do me wrong. Should I be a co-signer for her?

**A:** As a general guideline, it is NOT advisable to co-sign on a loan (or any other legal monetary obligation, such as a lease.) If a person is creditworthy, a lender will not usually require a co-signer. When a person seeks a co-signer, it is usually because that person has a bad credit history. Sometimes, a co-signer is needed when an individual is young and has not yet established any credit history. Whatever the particular circumstances, you can be sure that the lender has a concern about whether the person borrowing the money will re-pay the loan as promised. The lender wants to protect itself -- so it asks the person to find a co-signer. Remember that the lender is in the business of extending credit to people and that the lender probably has huge financial resources to off-set any losses it may experience.

On the other hand, you are probably a working person who could be seriously hurt if you had to suffer a financial loss. That is exactly why you should use extreme caution before you agree to co-sign for another person. Even though your friend sincerely believes that she will re-

pay the loan and that you will not be responsible for any payments, you must be careful. The lender of the money can (and most certainly will) look to you for any payments that your friend does not make on time.

It does not matter why your friend cannot make her payments. Your co-signature on the loan acts to guarantee the lender that YOU will be responsible for making all of the payments. Sometimes, situations occur that no-one anticipated. Your friend could become seriously ill and unable to work. She never intended to hurt you financially -- yet, she finds herself in a position where she cannot possibly make the payments herself. It would be too late at that point for her to say she relieves you of any responsibility. Once you have co-signed, the only way you are relieved of any obligation is if your friend completely pays off the loan.

Bottom line is.....be very careful about co-signing for anyone. You could end up with an expensive debt to repay. Even worse, your own credit (along with your friendship) may become tarnished.

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...**Susquehanna Lambda** regular monthly meeting (2nd Sunday of the month) at the AIDS Resource Office, 507 W. 4th St. Social hour at 5pm, meeting at 6pm. For info write P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport, PA 17703, or call the North Central Switchboard at (717) 327-1411.

...**The Center for Women Students at Penn State**, Univ. 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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## Support Groups...

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**CANCER...** Looking to connect with other Gay/Lesbian persons whose partners have been diagnosed with cancer, to form a support group with those whose lives have been touched by this disease. Call Deb at (717) 245-2504.

...**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP** meets Tuesdays 8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. 415 N. West St. York. 12 Step format. All recovering women are welcome. For directions or more information call (717) 854-4141.

**MOIRA Means Hope...** Support group for students and young adults who are dealing with gender sexual identity issues will meet the 3rd Tues. of each month at the Unitarian Society of York. 49 E. Springettsbury Ave., York. Anyone ages 14 thru 24 is welcome. Moira offers accurate info, practical advice and can help address and discuss anxieties associated with sexual identity. For more info call Lew Bupp (717) 852-8543, Lorrie Barlett (717) 684-6310, or Kathy Weems (717) 757-4270.

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