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LAVENDER LETTER



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Volume 15 No. 8

A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

August, 1997

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

9pm-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Dew Drop Inn. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Dough Boy Lounge, Leola. w/ the Toothless Rooster Band. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Sandi (717) 626-6154 or Shirley (717) 397-1915.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

1pm... GLORA or Allentown & Reading is sponsoring a hike or bike at the Glen Onoko park near Jim Thorpe, PA. Followed by a picnic at 3pm. Call Karen at (717) 443-7651 for details/directions.

... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at The Wire, 4th St., New Cumberland. "40 & Over" Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Motorcycle Ride. Meet, Ride, Lunch, Return... Leave from the Harrisburg Area. Call (717) 728-9587 for details.

11:30am to 10pm... Join Sisterspace for a LesBiGay Family Outing at the Clementon Amusement Park and Splash World (just 30 min. from Phila, in Clementon, NJ.) Amusement Park tickets \$13.95, Park & Splash tickets \$18.50. You must reserve your tickets in advance thru Sisterspace. Call (215) 476-8856, Box 3. Leave mssg w/ name, ph # and number & type of tickets wanted.

AUGUST 12-17

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. For tickets and/or 1st timers' tips send a large SASE to WWIMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, (616) 757-4766. V/TTY available after June 10. Visit our web site: www.michfest.com.

AUGUST 15 & 16

MCC of the Spirit Sponsored Rafting & Camping Trip. Register early to get trailer space, or bring your own tent & camp. Cost for rafting & camping is \$64, just camping is \$20. Call (717) 236-7387 for details.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 15-17

Blue Skies Festival of Women's Music & Film at the Perry County Independent Media Arts Cooperative in Newport, PA. Open to all who celebrate and enjoy women's art. Entertainers include: Janice Ian, Christine Lavin, Bobbi Carmitchell, Red Letter Day & more. + Films, workshops, vendors. For tickets & info call (717) 567-6795 or send SASE to: Blue Skies Festival, RD1 Box 261, Newport, PA 17074. E-mail: carolv@igateway.com. Camping space available.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

10pm-1am... Change of Heart in concert at Sanfords, 37 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Call (717) 291-1833 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Bobbi Carmitchell in concert for her 40th Birthday Party at Bube's Brewery, Mt Joy. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30-9:30pm... Come & Try it! The Susquehanna Squares invites you to attend a Square Dance Open House at the MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St., Hbg. \$3. admission includes refreshments. Call (717) 236-7387 for details.

...York, Lancaster & Harrisburg Area Singles Dinner... call Peg and start enjoying a great nite out with other singles of all ages!!! (717) 738-2285.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

7pm... Harrisburg Area Ladies Night Out. Dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Call (717) 691-5577 by Wed. 8/27.

Upcoming Events...

SEPTEMBER 3-9

WomenFest '97 in Key West Florida. Events include: Street Fair, Cocktail Parties, Sunset Cruise, Pool Parties, Comedy Night, Scuba Trips, Film Festival, 5K Walk/Run, + much more. For details/brochure call (800) 535-7797. Registration deadline Aug. 31.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8pm... The Secret is Out!... Kate Clinton is the Madame President of Comedy and she's coming to the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$21 at Her Story Bookstore (717) 757-4270 or at the Strand Box Office (717) 846-1111. Don't miss this chance to see this outstanding feminist comedian!!!

SEPTEMBER 19-21

International Gay & Lesbian Outdoor Organization (IGLOO) Mid-Atlantic Regional Jamboree at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Guided tour of the Military Park, group visits to the National Cemetery, Horseback trail rides + many more activities. For Details call (717) 612-9531. Other trips/outdoor excursions are planned (biking, skiing, rafting, hiking, etc), call for a calendar of events.

OCTOBER 31-NOV. 2

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ECKANKAR of Central PA - Hu Worship Service: 11am, 1st Sunday each month. May Topic: "Soul is the Real You", 5137 Devonshire Rd., Harrisburg. (717) 671-9933.

...**INTERWEAVE** is a group supported by the Unitarian Universalist Church, for those people who are concerned with Gay & Lesbian & Straight issues. Meeting is the 1st Sunday of each month, call for times (usually 6:30pm). Hotline: (717) 859-4481.

...**LAMBDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Lanc) New house church now forming! Bible study & potluck, Thurs. eves. 7-9PM. Call for location & directions. Pager: 717-280-0852.

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...Anyone 60 and Over is invited to join **OLOC, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change**. For membership and 4 issues of the OLOC Reporter, send \$15 to P.O. Box 98042, Houston, TX 77098.

We are the Singles Group of Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. We know there are a lot of single women out there! (or a couple who need a night out for dinner and fun.) We would love to see you. We have a great picnic coming up in the end of Sept. or beginning of Oct. which we would like to see anyone who has been a part of the singles club in the past to attend this reunion picnic. Look for the announcement in the September issue of the Lavender Letter. So lets go singles, where ever you are, call Peg and start enjoying a great nite out with other singles of all ages!!! (717) 738-2285.

...**Shippensburg Circle Group** meets in the Shippensburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg Areas for networking & social events. Brunch get togethers in Shippensburg. Call (717) 530-1743 to get on the list.

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...**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.

...**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. (610) 868-7183.

...**PFLAG**, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster 538 West Chestnut St. every 4th Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Hotline: (717) 397-1095.



Support Groups...

... **Support group for Gay/Lesbian/Transgendered persons who are parents.** 2nd Thursday of each month 7-8:30pm at the MCC Church, 2973 Jefferson Street, Hbg. Facilitated by Susan Thornsley, M.D. Child care will be provided.

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GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network) meets in Carlisle at the YWCA. Mission Statement: *GLSTN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation. We welcome as members individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who share this philosophy.*

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...**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.

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...**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.

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This year, FAB '97 is accepting nominations for the annual FAB award. The award is intended to recognize an openly gay or lesbian individual, formerly or currently from the Central Pennsylvania area, who has achieved success or had a positive impact locally or nationally for gay and lesbian rights. Last year's recipient, Reverend Barry Stopfel, formerly of Hummelstown, is an openly gay priest in the Episcopal church who has become nationally known as a champion for the rights of gay and lesbian clergy.

To nominate an individual, simply complete the entire nomination form on back, and return by September 15th, to: **FAB '97, P.O. Box 872, Harrisburg, PA 17108**. Thank you for participating! If you would like ticket information, please contact Russ/652-9125, or Michelle/531-5266.

SEE YOU AT FAB '97! -- November 8, 1997

FAB '97 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Please print all information

Nominee's name: _____

Achievement(s): _____

My name is: _____ Phone number: _____

(We need your information in order to verify the nomination if your person is a finalist, and also to obtain contact information for your nominee if your nominee is chosen to receive the FAB '97 award.) **Send to: FAB '97, P.O. Box 872, Hbg, PA 17108.**