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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

July, 1998

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7-10pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** hosts an Open Mic Night at the Internet Cafe, Mountville. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

6:30-9:30pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Hershey Hotel. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRI., SAT., SUN., JULY 3, 4, 5

9:30pm-1:30am... **Crazy Susan** in concert at The Frog Pond, Rehobeth

FRIDAY, JULY 3

9:00pm-12:30... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Sanford's (Marion Court) Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

8-11pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Sweet Passions, N. 3rd St. Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

10:00pm-1:30am... **Crazy Susan** in concert at The Midtown Tavern, 2nd St, Harrisburg.

7:30 pm... **Lancaster Ladies Night Out** will meet for dinner and great conversation. For your reservation, call Shirley at (717) 397-1915 or e-mail to snoac@Gateway.net.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:00- 1:30... **Crazy Susan** in concert at Phils, Main St., Wrightsville.

6:30pm... Volleyball in Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 691-5577 for details.

7-11pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Caddy Shack, (Armitage Golf Course, Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

noon... **York Area Singles Annual Picnic**. Bring a potluck to share. \$5.00 donation will be gine to the Angela Scheno Cancer Fund. Call Peg at (717) 738-2285 for details. Everyone welcome.

7-10pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Applachian Brewing Co., Cameron St., Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

11:30am-1:30pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Cherry Lane, Downtown York. (Lunch Hour Concert) Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7pm... All interested womyn are invited to join **Her Story's Book Discussion Group** meeting at Her Story. Call 757-4270 to know which book we're reading now! Or better yet, visit Her Story today and buy the book for a 20% discount!!

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:30 - 1:00... **Crazy Susan** in concert at Sanford's, Orange St., Lanc.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:00 - 1:00... **Crazy Susan** in concert at Nick's 1014 Cafe, 1014 3rd St., Harrisburg.

6:30pm... Join Hbg Area Womyn for **Volleyball**. Call the L.L. at (717) 691-5577 for details & directions.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Tired of the same ole thing musically speaking? Looking for something new and different? Check out the headline act of the recent Baltimore G & L Pride block party appearing at Her Story Women's Bookstore for a **free concert**. **CELIA** brings together a plethora of influences from a myriad of cultures and musical genres to deliver a fierceness and veracity seldom seen in the artistic world. With her angelic voice and acoustic guitar she creates an intensity that embraces the heart, nurtures the soul and nourishes the mind. Singles mingle kicks off at 1, music begins at 2!

4pm... **Lebanon County Lesbian Social Group and Potluck**. Call Marie at (717) 865-6944.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9pm-mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Paddy O' Shean's, Myerstown. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

...**Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell** in concert at Border's Books, Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

7-10 pm... The rage of the womyn's festival scene, **Shaddai Judy Tate**, is pleased to present a one-day only workshop on the therapeutic, healing properties of Ear Candles. Pre-registration is required for this workshop and is limited to 8 womyn. Fee: \$25.00. As you may know, ear candles are a gentle, non-invasive, Hopi tradition that can be used by everyone and are of particular benefit to womyn experiencing ear infections and/or ringing in the ears. Shaddai Judy Tate is a licensed practical nurse with over 24 years of experience. She has dedicated her life to the healing arts spending the last 17 years as a holistic health practioner in massage therapy, theraputic touch, yoga, and stress management. Don't wait to register! Call Her Story at (717) 757-4270.

930pm-1:30am... **Crazy Susan** in concert at Sorrento's, Main St., Duncannon.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9-mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

Noon-6pm... **The Central PA Pride Festival** will once again be held on the Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College. Admission is \$3.00 per person. This year all entertainment will be from the Central Pennsylvania region. We have also brought back the Dunking Booth. Stormy Scott, Ms Heidi Linn, and Glenda have been lined up as Master of Ceremonies. Come on out and enjoy the Festivities.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

11am... **Shippensburg Circle Brunch**. Take the opportunity to meet women from the Shippensburg, Carlisle, Chambersburg area. Bring something to share for the table and enjoy being part of the emerging community in this area. Lots of good food and conversation. Call 530-1743 for directions.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

7pm... **Harrisburg Ladies Night Out**. Meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Call (717) 691-5577 or e-mail to Lavlet@panetwork.com.

9:30 - 1:30... **Crazy Susan** in concert at The Rusty Nail, Harrisburg.



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17 - 7pm-Make **SUNDAES** on a Friday!

AUGUST

14-16 -**Whitewater Rafting** in Western PA-call for information-You **MUST** reserve space NOW-236-7387.

...**Dignity/Central PA** meets the 1st Sun. of every month (Oct. - June) and the 2nd Sun. in Sept., at 6:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House (lower level), 6th and Herr Streets in Harrisburg, for a potluck dinner and discussion. Dignity provides fellowship for gay and lesbian Catholics, and supportive non-Catholics. All are welcome. Dinner nights out and other events are also held throughout the year. Call 652-7683 for info.

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

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK**, 49 E. Springettsbury Ave., York. (717) 845-8212. Single service at 10am through Sept 6. Rev. Yvonne Miller. Childcare provided.

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LANC.** Sunday, 9am & 11am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. Interweave Gathering, a new social group focused on the gay & lesbian community of Lancaster County will be meeting on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm at the Church. For info call (717) 393-1733.

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Social Groups...

7-8pm... Every Thursday **Aerobics Class** at Vision of Hope MCC, Mountville, PA. All are welcome! Come join us. Call (717) 285-9070 for more info.

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... National Organization for Women (**NOW**) meets the 3rd Wed. of the Month at the YWCA. E. Market St., York. Call (717) 757-4270.

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...**PFFLAG**, Parents, Friends & Family 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.

...**PFFLAG** of Central PA meets at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Dr., Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 795-0330.

...**COMMON JOURNEY**, an organization of Lesbians and Gays in the Healthcare, Human Services and Educational fields, meets at the Vision of Hope MCC Church in Mountville. For more info call Edwin Yates at (717) 285-9070 or e-mail at yatesmcc@redrose.net.

...**HEALINGS: Helping Every Adolescent In Need Group Support**, for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7pm in the Gettysburg Area. For more info/location call (717) 630-5292 or (717) 338-1694.

...**GLSEN** (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) meets in Carlisle at the YWCA. Mission Statement: *GLSEN 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.*

...**FREE SPIRIT** is Bloomsburg University's Community for Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, as well as friends and family. We offer support, info, 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.

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Upcoming Events...

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The Judy! show, at its new location at 21 South Belmont Street, York, promises to be the best yet. The performers, all volunteers, are women

and men who donate their musical, magical, dramatic or comedic talent to make this benefit a success. A Champagne Reception for patron ticket holders will be held in the lobby of the theatre, prior to showtime. Doors open for general admission at 7:40 p.m. The show is sponsored by York Area Lambda, Inc. For ad information, contact 717.846.2089. For ticket information, contact 717.846.2560.

MONEYtalk: WOMEN AND RETIREMENT

(Provided by Prudential Securities)

A recent survey shows that 68 percent of women don't know how much income they will need in retirement to supplement Social Security and/or pension benefits. This statistic is important, because women, even more than men, can expect to live many years after they leave the work force and must prepare carefully in order to remain self-supporting.

Trying to ensure a financially secure life after you retire (or even being able to retire) often depends on decisions made decades earlier. A slight difference in the amount you put aside each year, or a subtle shift in investments—stocks, bonds, CDs, mutual funds, etc.—can make a huge difference in the size of your eventual nest egg. This nest egg is especially important for gay women because gay couples do not currently qualify for many benefits that straight couples do (such as survivor Social Security benefits when your partner passes away).

According to "Women's Cents," a project sponsored by The National Center for Women and Retirement Research (NCWRR), Working

Woman magazine, and Prudential Securities, women usually have the right ideas about money and investing, but they vary enormously in their success at putting those ideas to work, largely due to personality traits. Assertiveness, openness to change, and an optimistic outlook are the characteristics that were found to tend to lead to sound investment decisions. What can women do to develop the positive mental attitudes that correlate so strongly with successful investing? Fight fear of the unknown with knowledge. Good information on investing can be found in libraries, book stores, and seminars, or by contacting a financial advisor willing to help you learn about investing.

Don't hesitate, automate. Above all, successful retirement planning requires investing regularly, month after month. Take advantage of automated services to make the practice as effortless as possible. Of course, you should consider your financial ability and willingness to continue purchasing through periods of low price levels.

Start slow, start small. New investors can begin investing in small amounts to help avoid undue anxiety about short-term setbacks.

Stay in touch with winners. Friends and colleagues who have been successful in managing their investments can be an invaluable source of inspiration and advice.

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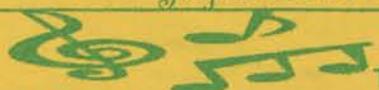
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...**We are the Singles Group of Lancaster, York and Harrisburg.** We know there are a lot of single women out there! (or a couple who need a night out.) We would love to see you. So let's go singles, where ever you are, call Peg and start enjoying a great nite out with other singles of all ages!!! (717) 225-6042 or (717) 738-2285.

...Third Thursday of each month, 7 pm, join a **Gay/Lesbian Book Discussion Club at M.C.C. of the Spirit**, 2973 Jefferson Street. (717) 236-7387 (Formerly at Encore Books.)



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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.

...**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. Call Diane for more info: (610) 868-7183.

...Gay & Lesbian **Book Discussion Group at Borders Books** in Lancaster. Meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 7pm.

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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 calendar.

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