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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

September, 1998

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30pm-12:30am... **Bobbi Carmitchell** at the Symposium. Centerville Rd., Lanc. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

2-4pm... **Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell** in concert at the Longs Park Arts Festival. (Across from Park City, Lancaster). Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9pm-mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Carriage House, Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30-9:30pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Caddy Shack, Orrs Bridge Rd, Camp Hill. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

7:00 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](mailto:snoac@Gateway.net).

8-11pm... **Kim Hunt** in concert at Sweet Passion Coffee Shop, 3rd St., Hbg.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9am-noon... **Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell** in concert for Strassburg Heritage Days. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

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9-mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Hershey Lodge. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11am. Booksigning party with **KATE CLINTON** at your local women's bookstore, Her Story, located at 2 West Market Street in lovely downtown Hellam. Call 757-4270 for info and/or directions.

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

7-10pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Appalachian Brewing Company, Cameron St., Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8pm... **Romanovshy & Phillips** in concert at Larison Hall, Bucknell University. For info contact Cindy Peltier, 717-524-3792.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-20

**Wild Western Women's Weekend** at Intouch Women's Camping & Event Center, Kent's Store, VA. Call (804) 589-6542 for details & registration.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8-11pm... **Kim Hunt** in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4pm... **Volleyball...** Same place as last time! Bring a potluck side dish to share (*chips & pretzels - for those who don't cook!*), I'll provide the burgers, dogs & sodas for a cook out afterwards! Call the LL at (717) 691-5577 to RSVP & for directions.

**Potluck with GLORA** of the Bethlehem/Allentown/Reading areas. Call Diane at (610) 868-7183 for details & directions.

9pm-mid... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at Bully's On Union, Columbia. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5-7pm... **Queer Skate** at Castle Rollerskating Rink, 1400 Elm Ave. behind the Stone Mill Plaza, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7-10pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Peque Tavern. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30-11:30pm... **Bobbi Carmitchell** in concert at the Paddy O' Sheens, Myerstown. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7pm... **Hbg Area Ladies Night Out**. Meet for Dinner & great conversation at a local restaurant. Call (717) 691-5577 or e-mail to [lavlet@panetwork.com](mailto:lavlet@panetwork.com). Please RSVP by Wed., Sept. 23. Thank!

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7pm... **York Area Singles Dinner**. Call Peg and enjoy a nite out with other singles of all ages!!! (717) 225-6042 or (717) 738-2286.

9am until 11am. Free **Ear Candling** demonstration at Her Story Women's Bookstore! Learn about the healing benefits of this ancient, natural, painless, non-invasive American Indian method of cleaning the ear!

11am... Meet in Harrisburg & travel to the **Amazing Maize Maze** in Lancaster County. We'll meet a group in Lancaster around noon & spend the afternoon finding our way through the corn! Admission \$6.00. Anyone for dinner afterwards??? Call the LL at (717) 691-5577 to RSVP.

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2 pm... **Booksigning** party with the chosen best lesbian writer of 1997 BARBARA JOHNSON at Her Story Women's Bookstore. BARBARA's new book Bad Moon Rising showcases the adventures of beloved P.I. Colleen Fitzgerald whom we were introduced to in the best selling book, The Beach Affair. Call Her Story at 757-4270 for more info and/or directions.

## Upcoming Events:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

8pm... **Jamie Anderson** in concert at the Wire, 216 4th St., New Cumberland. Seen at Campfest, Jamie is known for her songwriting and engaging stage presence, and has been touring coffee houses, clubs & festivals nationally since 1987.

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...**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.

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...**UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**. 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services: Sundays 9am & 11am. (717) 737-8875. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation and recognizing that all people are one in God.

...**VISION OF HOPE MCC**, 130 E. Main St., Mountville, PA 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. AM Children's Sunday School. (717) 285-9070.

## 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

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

...Anyone 60+ 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. for more info.

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...**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](mailto:yatesmcc@redrose.net).

...**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](mailto:lampshire@planetx.bloomu.edu).

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...**PFFLAG**, Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, 538 W. Chestnut St. 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.

...**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.*

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...Want to find out about more great events happening at your local women's bookstore, Her Story! Sign up on our mailing list at the bookstore or visit our web page ([www.netrax.net/~herstory](http://www.netrax.net/~herstory)) and subscribe to our Event E-list! It's easy! It's simple! It fits your life!

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"Save! Your Retirement Clock is Ticking." That's how the U.S. Depts. of Labor and Treasury are trying to get the attention of Americans about the importance of saving for retirement. Their national retirement savings education campaign underscores that workers can't depend on Social Security and employee pensions alone. We need to save now to help maintain our standard of living in retirement.

How much will that cost? By conservative estimates, you will need the equivalent of 70 percent of your pre-retirement income. Multiply that by your expected years in retirement and you have a base goal. But the effects of inflation, your life-style, and longer life expectancies significantly impact that dollar amount.

While that may depress some, it should only be taken as a wakeup call. Nearly one-third of those eligible to participate in 401(k) plans do not do so; of or those that do, nearly half do not contribute the maximum amount. Obviously, it's most beneficial to start early to take advantage of compounding, but it's never too late to put a savings plan into effect. And asset allocation is the key to effective investing.

Asset allocation means selecting asset classes—such as stocks, bonds, or cash equivalents—that are appropriate for your situation and determining the best mix of those assets. A look back at returns from the past twenty years provides a dramatic illustration of how important the choice of assets can be. For example, if you had invested \$10,000 in a cash equivalent on July 1, 1975, that investment would have been worth \$40,824 twenty years later according to Ibbotson Associates. That same \$10,000 invested in stocks (as measured by the S & P 500, an unmanaged, weighted index of 500 stocks; investors cannot directly purchase any index) would have been worth \$128,802—more than three times as much. Of course, the past performance of these asset classes may not repeat itself, and a portfolio fully invested in equities would carry higher risks. Evaluating that risk and determining your appetite for it is another important aspect of asset allocation. Thoughtful allocation, through not only different asset classes but also within classes, can help improve the normal ratio of return to risk. Making such determinations may have quite an effect on how those golden years are spent. If you need assistance in determining appropriate investments, a professional financial advisor can not only ascertain your time frames and risk tolerance but also help find the right allocation and investments for your circumstances.

Her Story Women's Bookstore book discussion group meets on the third Wednesday of each month @ 7 pm. We invite you to join us, meet like-minded women and expand your literary horizons. This month's book is: Inside MS. 25 Years of the Magazine and the Feminist Movement. Next month we delve into our first mystery: Silent Words. No need to pre-register! Just join in the fun and lively discussion.

...**Shippensburg Circle Group** meets in the Shippensburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg Areas for networking & social events. Brunch/potlucks in Shippensburg. Call (717) 530-1743 for the next event.

...**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.

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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.

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

...**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.

...**The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus** rehearses in Harrisburg on Monday nights at 7pm in Harrisburg; for information call 234-4825.

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

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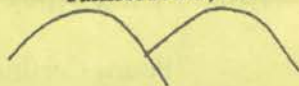
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