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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

May, 1999

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9pm-mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Gingerbread Man, Hershey. For details call (717) 872-4512.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

7pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner & great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Shirley at (717) 397-1915 or e-mail at Snoac@aol.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8pm... The Harrisburg Men's Chorus will be presenting their Spring concert at the Unitarian Church in Harrisburg. This Concert will feature "Music of the Night", a special look at music with nocturnal themes. Tickets are \$12.00 All seats general admission. To order tickets call 717-236-SING (7464). Unitarian Church, 1280 Clover Lane, Hbg PA.

8-10pm... Bobbi & Anne Carmitchell in concert at Outdoor World. For details call (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

9pm-mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Hershey Lodge. Come for dinner, stay for the entertainment. For details call (717) 872-4512.

7pm... Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus will present "Lovin' Pride", at the Wesley U.M Church on Center Street, Bethlehem. \$12,00.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck. Call Marie at (717) 865-6944 for details.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

7-10pm.... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Appalachian Brewing Co., Cameron St., Hbg. For details call (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

10am... Impact Saturday at MCC of the Spirit. Jefferson St., Hbg. "Investing, Accounting, and Estate Planning with Rom Wetzel, Dan Miller & Mindy Goodman.

9pm-mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Lancaster Dispensing Co. For details call (717) 872-4512.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

7pm... Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for dinner and great conversation. Call (717) 691-5577 for reservation by Wed., May 26th.

Upcoming Events...

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JUNE 3-6

From Gaia's Heart, a weekend to create a space in which we feel safe, sacred and aware of the connections between all beings. A spiritual, diverse, gathering for all women. Call (410) 435-3111 for details.

1999 Virginia Women's Music Festival at InTouch, Kent's Store, VA. Many performers & events. InTouch is a camping and events center that welcomes women of all sexual orientations, ethnic backgrounds, and spiritual paths to learn, grow, and simply be together.

JUNE 5-13

1999 Capital Pride Festival in Washington DC. (A celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgendered Community and Friends!) Call (202) 661-7026 or www.capitalpride.org.

JULY 9-11

National Conference for Lesbians of Size. A festival for Fat Lesbians, their friends and allies. Women only, Bisexual Friendly. Sponsored by the National Organization for Lesbians Of Size. 15 mins from Woodstock, NY. For info call: (201) 843-4629 or write: NOLOSE 245 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10011. E-mail: Nolosee@aol.com.

AUGUST 10-15

...THE 1999 MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL is continuing strong after 24 consecutive years. The annual event attracts 5000-8000 women for a week-long event that includes 40 performances, 200 workshops, a Film Festival, Crafts Faire and 650 secluded acres for camping. For further info., write to WWTMC, PO Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, call 616-757-4766 or visit www.michfest.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 12-15

OLOC Presents: The Summer 1999 Old Lesbian Gathering in San Francisco State University COST: \$185 to \$200 per person. Includes 3 nights lodging at the University Dorm, and Saturday night banquet with entertainment and dance. Wheel chair accessible. No scents or perfumes so women with environmental illness can attend. In large and small groups, we will look at our lives, critique our culture, and meet and greet each other from places far and near! For more info., write to OLOC. *By "OLD" we mean Lesbians 60 or older (anyone born in 1939 or before). If you have a partner/pal under 60, she too is invited and may attend social events & panel presentations. Old Lesbians Organizing for Change P.O. Box 980422 Houston, TX, 77098.

SEPTEMBER 10-12

The Sisterspace Weekend will return at a beautiful new camp in Maryland, 75 minutes south of Philadelphia. The Sisterspace Weekend has been a celebration of women's community and women's space since 1976, featuring women's music, entertainment, sports, workshops, speakers, dances, food and fun. The Womyn of Color Forum will once again be a central part of the Weekend. For the first time, the Weekend will feature a lesbian celebration of Rosh Hashanah. Cost for the festival is based on a sliding fee. Cabins and tenting space will be available, as well as great food and swimming!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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May 1st Roller Skating Activity.

May 8th Comedy Sharks at the church 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8/ person. Refreshments.

May 15th Bowling at ABC Lanes Eisenhower Blvd. Call by May 8th if interested. Lanes need to be reserved.

May 21st Memorial Day Dance at the church 7:30pm. Cover charge of \$5/person. DJ and refreshments.

May 22nd Adult night at the movies. Will meet at Ruby Tuesday's Carlisle Pike for dinner first. Will choose one movie out of a selection of three. Movie will be at the AMC 8 Theatres Carlise Pike.

May 28th Couples night at Crockenberry's in Harrisburg. Call by May 21st if interested. Reservations will need to be made.



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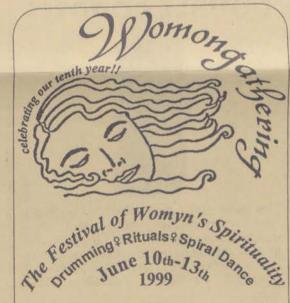
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Financial experts agree that a strong and successful investment program usually is founded on sound investment principles and reflects your personal needs and objectives. One sound strategic approach to structuring a successful portfolio is called asset allocation. Simply stated, this strategy focuses on establishing diversification among different asset classes as well as among different industries consistent with your personal investment needs and risk tolerance.

Risk tolerance is perhaps the most important factor. If your tolerance is relatively low, you may appreciate larger allocations of cash equivalents (such as money market shares) and good quality fixed income securities. Conversely, a greater risk tolerance may mean that you'll favor more equity orientation in the portfolio, along with a willingness to accept more volatility in return for potentially higher returns.

In addition to your risk tolerance and investment objectives, other personal factors that should be closely examined when building your portfolio include your age and changing time frames, cash flow, portfolio income needs and your tax bracket. In terms of the asset allocation process, age and time frames are significant because they impact the type of investment strategies appropriate for your consideration.

Naturally, capital and income needs, along with current cash flow, must be considered in order to help you build a portfolio with enough liquidity and income to make

necessary expenditures without disrupting your investment plans.

Once you've decided on an investment strategy and created a viable portfolio, you should be sure they continue to reflect your investment goals and keep working hard for you. You can do this by monitoring the progress of your investments.

This means more than simply checking the closing prices of stocks or mutual funds when the mood strikes you. On a regular basis-monthly or quarterly-you should check what's been happening to your stocks and mutual funds. At the conclusion of each year, compute the total return for each of your stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Also annually, you should compare your securities with other comparable measures of market activity, such as the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000. These periodic reviews may prompt you to make some changes in your portfolio. As companies' fortunes ebb and flow with new management, products, and services, so, too, do the returns on investments in their stocks. In addition, other factors may encourage you to make changes in your portfolio, including your age, the economy, and tax reforms.

There's little doubt that a well planned personal portfolio that is reviewed and "fine tuned" on a periodic basis is a key to meeting your financial objectives and remaining in a healthy "fiscal" condition. Working closely with a financial advisor to assist with all these comparisons and working towards achieving these results can be another.

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

...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. Morning Children's Sunday School. VOH has several small groups including a 12 step Bible Study currently meeting. Call the Church for details. (717) 285-9070.

Support Groups...

Now, York Chapter, (National Organization for Women) meets on the 3rd Wed. of odd-numbered months at the YWCA, E. Market St., at 7:30pm. and on the 3rd Saturday of even-numbered months at various locations at 10am. Call Cindy at (717) 848-9142 or Janice at (717) 259-6092 for info/directions & location of the Saturday meeting.

... PFLAG York meets at 750 Kelly Dr. (the former Lutheran Home building) at 7pm on the first Tues. of the month. Call Don and Pat (717) 843-3793 or Charles and Judy at (717) 846-7633 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

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...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus. Rehearsal at 7pm, Harris Street United Methodist Church on the corner of Harris & 3rd Sts, Harrisburg. (Second floor Sunday School Room) For more info call the chorus voicemail at (717) 234-4825 or Conductor Alissa Plant at (717) 566-2856...

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