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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

May, 2000

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7pm... **Harrisburg Ladies Night Out.** Meet for dinner and great conversation. Call (717) 763-7494 for details by Wed, 26th.

## MAY 1-7

**Philadelphia Pridefest America 2000.** Featuring: Rita Mae Brown, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Andy Warhol Exhibit, Film Festival, BBQ, Fashion Show, Alternative Parenting Seminar, Youth Panels, Leaders Symposium, Bodybuilding Championship, SundayOUT Street Festival, daily parties, cabarets, tours, and more! [www.pridefestamerica.com](http://www.pridefestamerica.com) or call Accommodations Express at 1-800-444-7666 for hotel & travel info.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

7pm... **Help fight Breast Cancer at the Pink Lizard.** Featuring: Bobbi Carmitchell, Hunt'n Green Beaver, Natalie Darkes, a Drag Show, Silent Auction & much more. 891 Eisenhower Blvd, Hbg. (717) 939-1123 or e-mail: [pinklizard891@aol.com](mailto:pinklizard891@aol.com)

7:30 p.m., at the UUCL for "**Growing Up Gay and Lesbian**" a film featuring Brian McNaught. Brian McNaught, one of the most articulate and effective speakers on the subject of homosexuality, takes a compelling look at the challenges of growing up gay in a heterosexual world. McNaught is an award winning freelance writer, educational consultant, and lecturer. Sharon Potter, the founder of BI-GLYAH a support group in Harrisburg for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgendered youth, will be leading a discussion immediately following the film. Sharon is also the Deputy Director of PA Protection & Advocacy and is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Human Sexuality. The film is approximately 90 minutes long and is not rated.

8:30pm... **Suede in concert** at The Rams Head Tavern. 33 West St. Annapolis, MD. Reserved seating, call early for best seats. Ticketmaster 1-800- 551-7328. More info, directions, call Rams Head at 410-268-4545.

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

1:30pm... **The Legend of Stone Soup** will be performing at Holiday Inn west, Carlisle Pike for an Art auction to benefit Domestic Violence Services, entitled "New Beginnings." For details call 717-258-4806.

7:30pm... **Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus spring concert,** with the Harrisburg Men's Chorus, at Whitaker Center in Harrisburg. **GLORA** of Reading & Allentown will sponsor a **trip to Longwood Gardens.** For info write P.O. Box 1952, Allentown, PA 18105 or E-mail: [GLORAINPA@aol.com](mailto:GLORAINPA@aol.com).

## FRIDAY, MAY 12

8pm... **Spring Concert** at the Unitarian Church of Lancaster featuring Bobbi Carmitchell with Tom Reese & Laurie Haines.

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

4pm... **Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck,** call Marie at 717-865-6944 for more info.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:30... **Suede in concert** at The Tin Angel. 20 S. 2nd St., Philadelphia. 215-928-0770. Limited seating! Call early for tickets/directions.

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

7pm... Third Thursday of each month, **Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group** at Borders Books across from Park City, Lancaster.

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

5pm... **Lancaster Ladies Night Out,** meet us for dinner, laughs and great conversation. Call Nancy by May 17th for reserv. (717) 898-6197.

## FRIDAY, MAY 26 - MONDAY, MAY 29

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**Spring Fling on Memorial Weekend at Camp Pleiades** in NC mountains. (888) 324-3110 or e-mail at [starcamp@aol.com](mailto:starcamp@aol.com)

## Upcoming Events...

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

10am-6pm... The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg is holding a Volleyball Tournament Fund-raiser at the sand courts on City Island. Teams from all over PA will be registered to compete. If you would like to register a team, call Jennifer at (717) 582-3158. Entrance fee is \$35/ player due by May 15th. Prizes, t-shirts, rattles & giveaways for players & attendees.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 8-11

**Womongathering,** Spirituality Festival on the PA/ NY border. (856)694-2037 or e-mail at [womongathr@aol.com](mailto:womongathr@aol.com)

A prominent quartet of leaders - John McNeill, Virginia Mollenkott, Mel White, and Irene Monroe - will lead our event, "Gay, Lesbian and Christian 2000: 'Behold, I Make All Things New!'" This Thursday through Sunday **Retreat** has a registration fee of \$310.00. We are already receiving registrations for this fabulous opportunity, so signing up quickly is advised.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Philadelphia Pride Parade

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

The 7th Annual **Lehigh Valley Pride Festival** at the Cedar Beach Park in Allentown, Rain or Shine. For details call the Pride Info Line: (610) 770-6200, E-mail: [pridelv@hotmail.com](mailto:pridelv@hotmail.com) or P.O. Box 20804, Lehigh Valley 18002.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 22-25

**National Women's Music Festival** in Muncie, Indiana. (317) 927- 9355 or e-mail at [wia@indy.net](mailto:wia@indy.net)

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

11am - 7pm... **Harrisburg's Pride Fest 2000** at the South Riverfront Park. For more info call (717) 234-0328 or [www.harrisburgpride.com](http://www.harrisburgpride.com).

**Golden Threads' Celebration** in Provincetown, MA. Meets at the Provincetown Inn to focus on the joy of being Lesbian. Make friends, play, dance. Jamie Anderson to perform, drumming with Ubaka Hill, line dancing, arts and crafts, singles group, workshops in belly dancing, writing, law, poetry, banquet and more. (802) 848-8002 or check the web at [www.members.aol.com/goldentred/index.htm](http://www.members.aol.com/goldentred/index.htm)

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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 5pm). Hotline: (717) 859-4481.

...**MCC OF THE SPIRIT**, 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.

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...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK**, 925 South George St. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10AM. Rev. Jennifer Justice, Childcare and religious education for youth provided. A Welcoming Congregation.

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...**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 (717) 285-9070.

## Social Groups...

Announcing THE LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. Activities will include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liaison and any other event that the group is willing to take on. Membership dues is \$10 per household. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Kate or Cindy at 848-9142.

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- **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
Isaac's East York (Meadowbrook)

**RSVP: Gayle Sicchitano (717) 763-7147**  
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## AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC. SPONSORS SEMINARS

Two financial planning seminars on *Financial Strategies for Gay Men and Lesbians* will be held in Central Pennsylvania the middle of May. The first seminar will be held at seven o'clock, on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Isaac's Restaurant located at the West Shore Plaza in Lemoyne. The second will be held at seven o'clock on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Isaac's Restaurant located in East York at Meadowbrook Plaza.

The seminars, sponsored by the American Express Financial Advisors' Camp Hill Area Office. Presenting the seminars will be American Express Personal Financial Advisors Patrick Wallen and Gayle Sicchitano. Mr. Wallen served as co-chair of the Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival for two years, and has been on the board of directors for numerous gay and lesbian organizations. Ms. Sicchitano is the co-chair of the Business Association of Gays and Lesbians (BAGAL).

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Gayle Sicchitano at (717)763-7147 or (717)579-4353.

Seating is limited, so call today.

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus brings together a diverse group of women, united by the joy of singing, to celebrate and empower women, and to affirm a positive image of lesbians and feminists. P.O. Box 60426, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0426. Chorus voice mail system — but the truth is we don't always check it: 717-234-4825. Chorus web site: <http://www.cpwchorus.org>. Chorus e-mail address: [cpwcpirit@aol.com](mailto:cpwcpirit@aol.com). Our Artistic Director: Alissa Plant, 213 N. Duke St. Hummelstown PA 17036. (717) 566-2856, E-mail [imamezzo@aol.com](mailto:imamezzo@aol.com).

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...Interested in meeting people in the Carlisle, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, and other **Telepansburg Circle** is the connection. Monthly Brunches and other get-togethers. To get on the e-mail list or for info on our next get together. 530-1743 or e-mail: [LKuj125@innernet.net](mailto:LKuj125@innernet.net).

...**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. To contact GLORA write: P.O. Box 1952, Allentown, PA 18105, or E-mail: [GLORAinPA@aol.com](mailto:GLORAinPA@aol.com).

...**Book Discussion Group.** If you like to read, join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm. Call Caroline (717) 545-4494 for this month's book and meeting place.

## Classified...

**Band Wanted:** Looking to put together a band for a one time performance at the Pride Festival. I would like to try a trio including a drummer, a bass guitar player, and myself on acoustic guitar and vocals. Vocals from others would be nice too. Looking to learn only 2 or 3 songs. I don't have a practice space and we would not have a lot of time to practice. Did I mention I don't even know if we can get into the festival at this late date? If interested, and I know a lot of things are up in the air concerning this situation, send me e-mail with your name, age, what instrument you play, your e-mail address, and the type of music you like to play. [ace@epix.net](mailto:ace@epix.net).

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... **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.

...**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.

...**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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