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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

May, 2001

Activities...

APRIL 30-MAY 6

Pride Fest America 2001... The place to be is Philadelphia! May 6 is The Pride Fest Street Festival in the area of 12th and Locust Streets. Festival hours are 11am to 6 pm. Check out their website for all the details at www.pridefestamerica.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

7:30 - 9 pm... Harrisburg Drumming Circle will meet at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. For more information call Judy at (717) 230-8610.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

7 pm... Harrisburg NOW Chapter meeting at the Harrisburg YWCA 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. Tonight's topic: Welfare to Work Program.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

8PM... Pink Lizard Annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser. Doors open at 7pm. Entertainment & a Silent Auction with lots of great stuff. Don't miss this fun evening for a great cause! Arrive early... no table reservations.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

For two shows only in South Central Pennsylvania, The Vagina Monologues. The play will benefit AIDS Community Alliance's women's health and wellness initiative projects; Just Us, LIGHT (Lesbian Initiative on Good Health and Togetherness) and Girlfriend to Girlfriend, an African-American women's health project. Performances are scheduled at Dickinson College ATS Auditorium in Carlisle PA. Show times are 4 and 8 pm. General admission tickets are \$37.50. For more information please call Michele at 717-233-7190 ext. 226.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

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

MAY 13 IS MOTHER'S DAY

Go and take your Mother out and enjoy her.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7 pm... Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg Monthly Meeting. If you are interested in working with GLSH in it's continuing stand for the community, I encourage you to get involved. For more information call 717-234-0328 or E-Mail glsh@harrisburgpride.org.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

7 pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food with good folks. Singles and couples welcome. Call Shirley at 560-6817 or E-mail snoac@aol.com for reservations.

7 pm... The Women's Circle Informational Meeting at The Institute for Cultural Partnership at 3211 N. Front St., Harrisburg, Suite 104. Entrance is at the rear of the building. This is an informational meeting to talk about what the needs of our lesbian community are in an effort to establish a women's center in Harrisburg. Your input is needed. Please join us! For more info call Bobbi at (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9:30 pm-12:30 am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Coakley's in New Cumberland. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

5pm... The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA holds its May pot luck in the Hanover area. Call 637-1796 or 846-2089 for directions.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

11 am... Shippensburg Circle Brunch. Get together for good food and conversation. Bring something "brunchy" to share. Eggs and coffee/tea provided. Call 530-1810 for locaion.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

4:00 pm... Game night, join us for potluck and games, bring your favorite game and a covered dish and let's have fun. For more info call Judy at 717-975-0464.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

7 pm... Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for good food and good conversation and a night away from home. Call (717)975-0464 or E-mail Lavlet4wym@aol.com

MONDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY

Upcoming Events...

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

9pm-Midnight... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at The Carribean Inn on the square in Manheim, PA. Call Bobbi for details and directions at 717-872-4512.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

8pm... The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus presents its first concert in a year and a half. This Land is OUR Land, at Harrisburg Unitarian Church. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For tickets, directions or more info e-mail info@cpwchorus.org, call 234-4825, or see our web site at www.cpwchorus.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Pridefest 2001 at Six Flags Great Adventure- Celebrate Gay Pride Month at the World's Largest Regional Theme Park. A Weekend of Activities has been planned. Call (914)923-6167 or E-mail PRIDEFEST2001@aol.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

12 noon-7 pm... Pride Fest 2001 is at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. Website is www.harrisburgpride.org and phone 717-234-0328 or e-mail hbgpride@harrisburgpride.org.





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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. Welcoming Congregation.

...**UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services: Sundays 9am & 11am. (717) 691-0300 or e-mail: unity@bbimaging.com Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation and recognizing that all people are one in God. Website: www.unitychurchharrisburg.com.

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

... **UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HARRISBURG** Sundays 10:30 am 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 717-564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". Our Interweave Committee promotes acceptance and affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: uch@paonline.com Website: <http://www.paonline.com/uchuaa/>.



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"DON'T BE A BOOB - GET A BOSOM BUDDY" Are you concerned about the Procedure? Are you concerned about going alone? A volunteer network of 'BUDDIES' is being organized to accompany women who know the importance of a mammogram yet fear the mammogram procedure whether is the first or the 100th.

We are looking for participants who would like to have a 'BUDDY' and for those who would like to be 'BUDDIES'. Please contact Natalie Damrauer at 540-7725 or email her at LoonSng@aol.com for more information, to request a BUDDY or to volunteer to be a BUDDY!

...**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.

...**ENCOREplus** was established in 1994 to provide free clinical breast exams, Pap test and mammograms to women over the age of 40 who have annual incomes below \$15,448 (add \$5,365 for each additional dependent). Clinical breast exams and Pap test are done at Sadler Clinic, 117 N. Hanover St, Carlisle, by a nurse-practitioner. Mammograms are provided by Carlisle Imaging at their Medical Arts Building location, Wilson St. Carlisle. Interested women should call ENCORE plus at the YWCA of Carlisle, 243-3818 or e-mail, dlantz@ywcaofcarlisle.org.

...**NETWORK and FORUM** for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A Web Site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up and running. CCL was organized in 1982, published a monthly newspaper, "Images" and held many national conferences in different parts of the country. IF YOU ARE SEEKING...to connect with others on a spiritual journey for strength and support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic and lesbian...to express what's on your mind and in your heart to others who have shared your experience and understand...please join us at catholiclesbians.org. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can send email to "cathles RU12@aol.com" or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

Social Groups...

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

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses Monday nights at 7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown. There is still time to join and be in the spring concert. For more information, e-mail info@cpwchorus.org, see our web site at www.cpwchorus.org, or call Joanne and Linda at 761-6958.

.....**Womynspirit** -You are invited to a safe and sacred space where womyn may explore and express their own unique spirituality. Where we may find strength in ourselves and each other. We meet the 3rd Friday of every month in Carlisle. For details call Jennifer Polhemun, 243-6585 or Joanne Kinsey, 337-1656.

...**Triangle Interests**... A national nonprofit, Lesbian membership organization working to build the economic strength, and improve the quality of life, of the Lesbian community. TI is the sponsor of Triangle Interests Federal Credit Union (TIFCU), the first national credit union formed to benefit Lesbian Women. TI also offers financial seminars, business networking, social activities and health insurance. For info call: (215) 487-3736. VM#1; E-mail: ti@triangleinterests.org Website: www.triangleinterests.org

...**Shippensburg Circle**. Women from the Shippensburg, Carlisle, & Chambersburg area get together monthly. Connect through our e-mail list or phone. To get info or put yourself on our list, call (717) 530-1743 or 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.

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Transitions . . .

Sharp Jewelers in Lancaster has a new owner. Her name is Marjie Walsh, and she is from Lancaster. She is a graduate of F&M with a degree in art history and she has years of retail experience. The store will continue to carry the work of both Suzy Arrington and Jude Sharp in addition to fine designer jewelry by many other artists. You will still be able to bring your repair work to Sharp Jewelers as well as stop in for that occasional ring cleaning.

Sue from Sharp Jewelers stayed on to help with the transition during April. After that you will find her at the Chesapeake Bay where she will be assisting a friend with her sailing school and yacht charter business. You can check out the school at their website: www.baysail.net.

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The gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth organization has changed it's name to Common Roads. After several years of serving our community, Common Roads is in the process of incorporating as a 501(c)3 organization, making this the ideal time to choose a new name that reflects the organization's purpose and is easier to remember than BIGLYAH. For more information about Common Roads. Check out their website at www.commonroads.org.

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May 12-8pm. . . The Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton Mass.

May 13. . . Arlington Street Church in Boston, Mass.

June 21-24. . . 27th National Women's Music Festival at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. (<http://wiaonline.org/nwmf/>).

MAY at the PINK LIZARD

Fri-May 4 9:30PM GLENDA PRODUCTIONS

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Sat-May 5 CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

Fri-May 11 8PM PINK LIZARD ANNUAL

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Numerous presentations and performances are planned on topics including family safety, diet and exercise, stress reduction, herbal remedies, domestic violence and breast cancer.

One of the founders of the breast cancer advocacy movement and director of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, Dr. Susan Love, will lecture during a noon luncheon on May 11 and be a guest at the presentation of the "Show Me Book", 2nd edition. This book features photographs of local women who are breast-cancer survivors, showing lumpectomies, mastectomies, breast reconstruction and thoughts on body image.

For a listing of all events for this special week, check out this website: www.pennstatewomenhealth.com.



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Breast and Reproductive Health: Hear about and discuss the importance of understanding yourself and the importance of personal care as it relates to breast cancer and reproductive health.

The Mautner Project's Kathleen Debold, Special Luncheon Speaker

June 16* ***Summit Circuit Party for Women & Men* ***in downtown Harrisburg!****

Summit Mission: The Summit Mission is to broaden the emphasis on gay and lesbian health issues beyond HIV.

Summit Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel (CPH), 23 South 2nd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-234-5021 or 1-800-Crowne. CPH is downtown Harrisburg's newest property. Summit room rate is \$84.00 per night for one through four room occupants. (That's up to four people per room for \$84.00 nightly.)

Summit Registration: Summit registration is \$79.00 and covers attendance from Friday June 15 to Sunday June 17 and includes coffee breaks, Saturday Lunch, Sunday Brunch. Registration also includes Complimentary Ticket to Capitol Dance 2001 – a Circuit Party for Men & Women at a downtown Harrisburg location. Summit "one-day" registration rate is \$79.00. Registration can be made by calling 1-800-867-1550 and asking for "Summit Registration".