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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

October, 2001

Activities

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

4 PM... **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UNITY AND PEACE. PLEASE COME AND SHARE A VERY SPECIAL HOUSE CONCERT WITH US. PERFORMERS INCLUDE ELISA SMITH, JANIE WOMACK, CATHY NELSON, SIMBAH, AND MORE. PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE VICTIMS OF THE WTC ATTACK. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$10. PLEASE CALL 717-939-9729 FOR LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Noon-5 pm... Art Walk Sunday in downtown Lancaster. An afternoon filled with art, music, and food. Pick up your map at Mulberry Art Studios, at 21 N. Mulberry St. While at Mulberry, be sure to visit our artist friend, Rebekah Schiller. She will be showing her most recent works!

OCTOBER 8-14

17th Annual Women's Week. . . Join in the celebration! Hundreds of events! Thousands of Women! Musical performances! Comedy Shows! The place to be! Check out the events schedule at: www.womeninnkeepers.com/wweek/index.html

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

7 pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food with good folks. Singles and couples welcome. Call Shirley at (717) 560-6817 or e-mail snoac@aol.com for reservations.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

OCTOBER 11-21

Reel Affirmations XI. Washington DC's 11th International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. For more information call Reel Affirmations at (202) 986-1119, or check their website: www.reelaffirmations.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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 glsgh@harrisburgpride.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

5 pm... Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for good food and a fun night out! Call (717) 766-0602 or e-mail Lavlet4womyn@aol.com by Wednesday, October 17 for reservations.

8 pm-10 pm... DAE is appearing at Sparky and Clark's in York. Come for the coffee and stay for the music.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

11 am... The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA Women's Brunch. Harrisburg location. Bring something brunchey! Call Joyce at (717) 230-9955 for details.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

****HALLOWEEN****

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Mark your calendars now for FAB at the Harrisburg Marriott!

OCTOBER at the PINK LIZARD

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Fri-Oct 19 10PM Annie E. DeChant.... Has
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Sat-Oct 27 *Halloween* PARTY! 

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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) 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 1717-564-4761. 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/uchua/>.

Spirituality

WORSHIP SERVICES

...DIGNITY OF CENTRAL PA meets the 1st Sun. of every month at 6pm, at the Friends Meeting House (lower level), 6th & Herr Sts. Harrisburg, for a potluck dinner and discussion. Fellowship for gay and lesbian Catholics, and supportive non-Catholics. All are welcome. Call (717) 652-7683.

...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. Website: www.mccofthespirit.org.

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or E-Mail to: Lavlet4womyn@aol.com

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October, 2001

Support Groups...

"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 liaison, 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. For more information, e-mail info@cpwchorus.org, see our web site at www.cpwchorus.org, or call Joanne and Linda at 761-6958.

Rainbow Riders-Gay and Lesbian Motorcycle Club forming for the South Central PA area. Scheduled rides and socializing. For more information call 717-229-2703.

...**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 4th Friday of every month in Carlisle. For details email Jennifer Polhemus at jjpolhemus@aol.com, or Joanne Kinsey, 486-3259.

...**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 kuj125@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.

...**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) 545-3164 for this month's book and meeting place.



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...Share rent and utilities of a 3 br Rancher in East Prospect, York. No animals, must like dogs, non-smoker preferred. Call (717) 252-9655, leave a message.

FYI

Giovanni's Room has a fabulous new website!! They have it all!! www.gioannisroom.com OR www.queerbooks.com.

Looking for lesbians with kids under the age of 18 to form a Lesbian Parents Group in Central PA. If you have an interest in such a group, call (717) 766-0602 or email laviet4womyn@aol.com.

The Women's Circle has a website! Check it out and see what we are about! www.womenscircle.org. We want to make a Women's Center a reality. We need you! Won't you please join us?

The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg (GLSH) has undergone a lot of changes over the past 8 months. It started with almost a 100% turn over in the governing board. These fresh faces have resolved to improve service to the community. GLSH's mission to provide information, education, assistance, counseling and referrals to organizations and the LGBT Community. This is done primarily through telephone referrals, a bimonthly newsletter and, at some point in the future, a website. GLSH is looking for volunteers who can help staff phones for a few hours during the month; gather information and prepare newsletter articles; stuff envelopes, and help build and maintain a website. If you are interested in supporting GLSH with your time, or want to subscribe to the Switchboard's newsletter for \$10 per year, call 234-0328 to get more information. The "Switchboard" currently has access to email via glsh@harrisburgpride.org.

The Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition (SPARC) is a network of individuals and organizations across the Commonwealth committed to securing and defending full civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals of all colors with the support of their allies. Visit their website for more info at www.sparc-pa.org.

OPEN Stage of Harrisburg starts their new 2001-2002 season this month. Welcome to a season of surprises! Call (717) 232-OPEN for more information, or visit their website at: www.openstagehb.com.

CASTAWAY CRITTERS.....Provides support for feral cat colonies by providing shelter and feeding stations. These stray cats are too untamed to be placed in homes. Feral cats must be spayed or neutered to help prevent cat overpopulation. They also seek homes for abandoned cats. These are frequently adult cats left by their former owners to fend for themselves. Many starve, freeze, or become victims of predators such as foxes or racoons. Often, they become sick and die. They also foster and place abandoned kittens, some as young as 2 days old. These kittens are provided with care and medical attention until they are old enough to be adopted. They frequently seek excellent homes for hand-raised kittens to ensure they are provided with the best possible chance for the future. They need cat food, litter, kitten formula, heated water dishes, etc. If you would like to help, call (717) 944-3255 or (717) 944-5074 or email at bholmes124@aol.com. This is run by a friend of mine and her husband and a neighbor in the Middletown area.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

This is a day which we will remember the rest of our lives. A tragic day in American history. We will forever remember those images on the television screen, the jets crashing into World Trade 1 & 2. The unimaginable sight of watching these building collapse into a pile of rubble. The jet that crashed into the Pentagon. The jet that crashed near Pittsburgh. Powerful images forever etched into our minds.

Let us not forget the thousands of men and women who lost their lives that day. They were fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, loved ones who will be sorely missed by those they left behind. The horror, terror, and pain they suffered we cannot begin to even imagine. We now know that some very brave people fought with the terrorists on board that last jet, causing it to crash well short of it's destination. These brave souls died to save countless others from a senseless act of terrorism. These people are true heroes, as are the rescue workers, and the others who died that day.

Our hearts go out to the victims and their families. Please contribute to the different agencies that are asking for help. If you can give blood, please do. Let's all do what we can to help.

Peace

EDITOR'S NOTE

I would like to publicly thank my former partner Ann, for all her help with the Lavender Letter in the last year. She was the technical director for the Letter. She is moving on to pursue other interests, and to spend more time with her family. Thank you Ann.

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