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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

September, 2002

ACTIVITIES....

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY

Enjoy the last holiday of the summer!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

· SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central PA potluck. Singles and couples are welcome! Bring a dish to share. Please call (717) 292-5998 for directions.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4 PM...Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck. Singles and couples are welcome! Call Marie at (717) 865-6944 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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 info: (717) 234-0328, or e-mail info@AskGLSH.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night out. Join us for good food and a fun night out! Singles and couples are welcome! Call (717) 303-0425, or email info@lavenderletter.com by Wednesday, September 18 for reservations.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 28, & 29

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

MAUCH CHUNK LAKE STATE PARK

The Susquehanna Club is listing this camping trip! It's developed camping with hot showers and flush toilets. No pets/alcohol allowed. This is at Jim Thorpe, PA. The Lehigh River carves through in a steep-walled canyon. The deep gorge, thick vegetation, rock outcroppings, and many waterfalls characterize the entire park. It is one of the most scenic rivers in America and features whitewater rafting. Visitors who like adventure will also love hiking or mountain biking on more than 25 miles of abandoned railroad grade that follow the river. Fall color should begin at this time. Check it out at: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/l-gor.htm. Susquehanna Club member cost is \$20 and non-member is \$25. You can register for this trip at: www.susq.org. Register soon!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

INDIGO GIRLS AT THE FORUM IN HARRISBURG!

7:30 PM...Central Pennsylvania welcomes the Indigo Girls! For tickets and info please call: (717) 214-ARTS (2787) or visit www.whitakercenter.org. You can sign up to be on the Whitaker Center's email list and be among the first for updates and new listings through 2003!

Upcoming Events....

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

SDT Enterprises, a lesbian owned and operated business, has arranged a bus trip to Atlantic City. Cost is \$30 with a cash voucher given at the casino. Bus leaves at 7 AM from the Service Merchandise parking lot between Lititz Pk. and Oregon Pike just south of Rt 30, Lancaster. Bus will return at 7 PM. Price includes snacks, goodies and drinks. Payment is due by Sept. 16 and should be sent to: AC Bus Trip, c/o Sue Meister, 614 1/2 N. Shippen St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Please make checks payable to Sue Meister. For more info please call (717) 394-2003 (days) or (717) 687-3850 (evenings).

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18, 19, & 20

MCC of the Spirit presents their production of "Godspell", a contemporary story of the Gospel of Matthew - with a few twists! Call (717) 236-7387 for tickets. Donation at the door but ticket is necessary. Seats are limited!

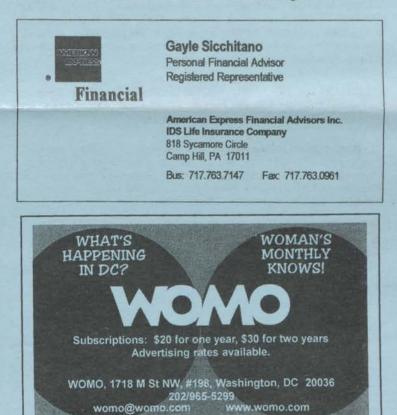
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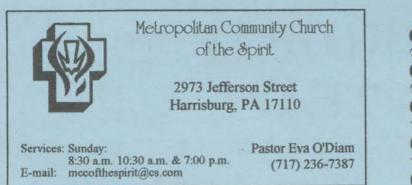
6 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central PA potluck. Singles and couples are welcome! Bring a dish to share. Please call (717) 840-1673 for directions.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DAR WILLIAMS CONCERT IN HARRISBURG

8 PM...Join Dar Williams in concert with very special guest Keller Williams at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg! For tickets and info please call (717) 214-ARTS (2787) or visit www.whitakercenter.org.





Spirituality....

WORSHIP SERVICES

...MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)2367387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events. Website: www.mccofthespirit.org.

...Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Web site: www.uucv.org.

...Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail: UUCL@epix.net. Website: http://members.tripod.com/ ~uulancpa/index.htm.

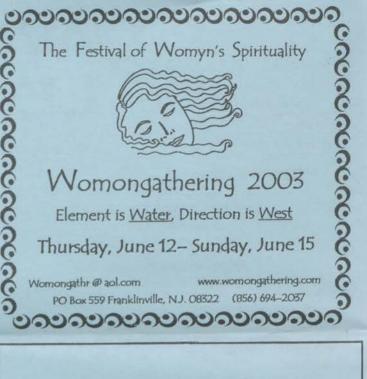
...Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. York, 17403. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10 am. Rev. Robert Renjilian, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

...Unity Center For Spiritual Growth, 927 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA 17025 Services: Sundays 9 am & 11 am. (717) 691-0300 or e-mail: unity@bbimaging.com. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation & 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 10:30 am & 7 pm. 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 & affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: uch@paonline.com. Website: http://www.paonline.com/uchuua/.





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Support Groups...

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

...NETWORK and FORUM for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A web site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up & 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 & support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic & lesbian...to express what's on your mind & in your heart to others who have shared your experience & understand...please join us at catholiclesbians.org. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: cathlesRU12@aol.com, or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

...The Unity Center for Spiritual Growth has an Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd & 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7 pm at the Unity Center for Spiritual Growth on Charles St. in Mechanicsburg, PA, which is behind the Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at (717) 691-0300, or Sandy at sansmagic@aol.com.

...Common Roads, formerly known as BiGLYAH, is a support group for teens & young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area who need a place to fit in, a place where their sexuality will not be held against them. The group consists of many different people from ages 14-24 & is led by multiple facilitors. We meet every Friday to talk about our problems, our good times, and to simply have fun! For more information visit our website: www.commonroads.org.

...PFLAG Central Pennsylvania meets monthly. For more information e-mail: pflagcenpa@yahoo.com, or call daytime (717) 795-0330. Their 24-hour hotline is: (717) 728-8800.

Activism

...NOW, York Chapter, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (no July or August meeting) in the Carriage House of the Unitarian Universalist congregation at 950 South Duke St. in York. Call Peg or Delma at (717) 846-2089, or Linda at (717) 852-7586 for info/directions.

...HRC (Human Rights Campaign), is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. We effectively lobby Congress, fight anti-gay initiatives, and educate the public to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community. Please visit us at: www.hrc.org.

...Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, the transgendered, and people with HIV or AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work. Please visit us at: www.lambdalegal.org.

...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is the national progressive organization working for the civil rights of gay,lesbian,bisexual and transgendered people, with the vision and committment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: www.ngltf.org.

Social Groups...

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses at 7 pm on Monday evenings in Mechanicsburg. Find out how much fun Monday nights can be! For directions & more info, leave a message at (717) 234-4825, or see the chorus web site, www.cpwchorus.org, or e-mail: info@cpwchorus.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 e-mail: lkuj125@innernet.net.

...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania. Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liason, & 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 (717) 848-9142.

...HOWL (Hanging Out With Lesbians), is a diverse group of non-smoking womyn with various interests. They do just about everything from camping to concerts, frisbee, fireside chats, horseback riding, snow tubing, movie nights, you name it! These womyn know how to have fun! You can visit their website: www.homestead.com/howlofpa/index.html.

...BAGAL (Business Association of Gays and Lesbians) is a South Central Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian & Gay professional & business people offering networking, social & community service opportunities for its members & friends. BAGAL meets every other month & prospective members are invited to attend their first meeting free of charge. Annual dues are \$25 per year & payable to "BAGAL". For more information, address questions and/or payments to: BAGAL, PO Box 135, Harrisburg, PA. 17108-0135, or call (717) 612-8445.

...Susquehanna Club, Mid-Atlantic Lesbian & Gay Outdoors Club, was conceived for the lesbian, gay men, bisexual & transgendered community members & their friends. We go hiking and camping throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We have and continue to provide a "safe space" for LGBT people. Participants are asked to respect fellow participants comfort as to the degree of "being out" both during activities and elsewhere. Membership is \$10 per year for individuals and \$15 per year for couples. Address: 503 General Sutter Ave., Lititz, PA. 17543, or visit us at:www.susq.org.

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FYI....

....Harrisburg Women's Rugby Club is looking for players for Summer and Fall league play. No experience is necessary! E-mail: rugbydog34@aol.com.

...Harrisburg Gay Men's and Women's Volleyball - social/recreation. Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Baughman United Methodist Church, New Cumberland. Cost: \$2.50, contact Jim at (717) 233-3172.

...Pennsylvania Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling, is looking for new members. Are you a consumer of mental health services, or a mental health professional? Do you have an interest in improving the delivery of high quality mental health services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities? If so, a group of Pennsylvania counselors would like your help. They are looking for new members, both professionals and consumers, who can help support our mission of promoting a greater understanding of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered issues among members of the counseling professions, and developing and implementing educational programs and publications that support our community. If you have an interest, either personal or professional, in these issues, please contact Lisa Slobodian at slobodian@blazenet.net for more information.

...The Central Penn Blades Women's Ice Hockey team in Lancaster is currently recruiting new members for our 2002-2003 season which begins in October. We practice year round every Tuesday evening from 7:45 PM-9:15 PM. Full equipment is advisable, but we have some extra equipment for loan if you don't have anything. No prior skating experience is necessary. The rink also runs beginner clinics for men and women who need to update skills or just learn the basics. If interested please contact Denise at (717) 273-0345, or check out the website at www.centralpennblades.com Directions to the rink are available on the website.

Introducing

www.AskGLSH.org

The new website for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg! On this website you will find online Central PA resources, a calendar of events, and information about Pride Festival of Central PA. The Switchboard resource information covers the geographic regions including Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Reading, Williamsport and State College. It's a great website! Check it out! Get connected to your community!

www.cammermeyer.com

This is the website for Grethe Cammermeyer, whose autobiography, Serving In Silence was published in 1994, followed by the movie starring Glenn Close. The Lavender Letter's webmistress, Wee Baby Moon, was chosen by Grethe to design her website. What an honor for Wee Baby Moon! This is a must see website! It's great!

Classified Ads

FOR RENT...Available Aug. 1. Small 2 bedroom townhouse in Wrightsville. W/D hookup. W/S/T included. References & security deposit required. No pets. \$140.00 a week. (717) 252-9473.

FAB

7TH ANNUAL FALL ACHIEVEMENT BENEFIT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 PM...FAB is at the Whitaker Center on Market St. in Harrisburg. This year's special guest is Suede, plus the jazz sounds of the Steve Rudolph Trio. Tickets for the cocktail reception from 7-8 PM are \$125. Tickets for FAB at 7:30 PM are \$65. For tickets and info, please call Greater Harrisburg Foundation at (717) 236-5040.

Remembrance...

September 11, 2001 was a day we will never forget. That is the day that thousands of innocent people died at the hands of terrorists at theWorld Trade Center in New York, and at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and in Somerset County, PA. Let us remember the innocent victims of these horrific attacks by saying a prayer, or having a moment of silence on September 11.

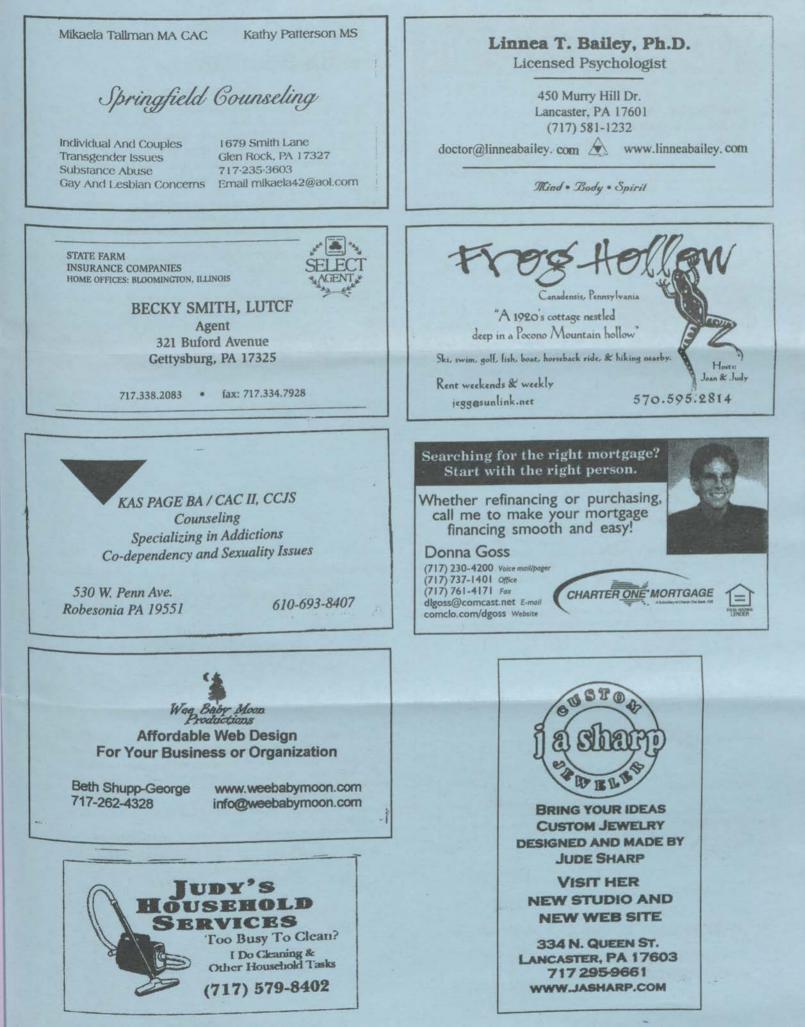
Thank you...

For your help in making this year's Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival a huge success! There was over 3,200 people who paid to get in, and when you add in volunteers, vendors, and other helpers, attendance was over 4,000. This year's festival was the best yet!

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Health Spotlight....

BRAIN BOOSTERS

This month we'll learn ways to boost your brain! Your brain's processing speed gradually slows down as you age. And with age, you are likely to begin experiencing problems with remembering names or numbers. What can we do to help keep our mind healthy and sharp?

Diet, exercise, vitamins, and mental gymnastics are ways to keep your mind sharp. Last month we talked about diet and exercise, and now we'll talk about challenging your brain and the role of vitamins for a healthy mind. Mental gymnastics are just as important as physical workouts in preserving brainpower. What should we do? We can take up word games like crossword puzzles, memorize our favorite poems or famous passages from Shakespeare, read challenging books or articles to expand your interests, practice doing things with your left hand if you are right-handed and vice versa, go back to school, take music lessons, or learn a new language. Don't just sit there vegging in front of the TV!

Vitamins play an important part in having a healthy brain too. Are you taking a multivitamin every morning? You should be! Multivitamins have antioxidants like vitamin C and E that protect brain cells from damage from free radicals. Free radicals are toublemakers! They can harm your brain cells. By taking a multivitamin you receive other key nutrients that have been linked to healthy brain function, such as beta carotene, iron, zinc, B12 and folic acid.

If you want a healthy brain, just remember this: diet, exercise, vitamins, and mental gymnastics. Now I remember where my car keys are!

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