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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

LAVENDER

LETTER

ACTIVITIES..

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Happy New Year! May the coming year be a happy and joyous year for all!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

MELISSA FERRICK IN CONCERT

Melissa will be appearing at the Sellersville Theater. For ticket information please call (215) 257-5808, or check their website: www.st1894.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7 PM...Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania monthly meeting. Pride is currently looking for people to help with planning the 2003 Pride Fest. If you are a team player, serious about your commitment, and want to work for your community, then we want you! Please call (717) 234-0328 or e-mail Info@askGLSH.org.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7 PM...Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg monthly meeting. Get involved in your community! We need YOU!! For more info: (717) 234-0328, or e-mail Info@askGLSH.org.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

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, JANUARY 18

5:30 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South Central Pennsylvania will meet at a restaurant serving Japanese/Chinese food. Please call (717) 755-3643 by January 17 for reservations.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Join us for some good food and fun! Singles and couples are welcome! Please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 22, by calling (717) 303-0425, or e-mail Info@lavenderletter.com.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

11 AM...Shippensburg Circle Monthly Brunch. Bring something to share for the breakfast table. Coffee, tea and eggs will be provided. A good way to make connections and enjoy some old friends. RSVP and for directions call (717) 530-1743.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

HUGE SUPER BOWL PARTY AT PINK LIZARD

The party starts at 1 PM! There will be giveaways, drawings, and drink specials! Bring a covered dish to share. See you there!

Upcoming Events....

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South Central Pennsylvania will hold a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share with others. Call (717) 846-2089 for directions.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

Suzanne will be appearing in Winterthur, Delaware. Location TBA. For more information please call (302) 834-3732.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11 AM...Shippensburg Circle Monthly Brunch. Bring something to share for the breakfast table. Coffe, tea and eggs will be provided. A good way to make connections and enjoy some old friends. RSVP and for directions call (717) 530-1743.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

JANIS IAN CONCERT

It's Janis Ian in concert at Millersville University's Lyte Auditorium, Millersville, PA. For ticket information and directions, please call (717) 871-2059.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

SUEDE IN CONCERT

7:30 PM...Suede will be appearing at the Tin Angel Cafe, 20 South Second St. Philadelphia, PA. Please call (215) 928-0978 for ticket information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

ANI DIFRANCO CONCERT

Ani DiFranco in concert at The Forum in Harrisburg, PA. The concert starts at 7:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now by calling (717) 214-ARTS, or online at www.whitakercenter.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

11 AM., Shippensburg Circle Monthly Brunch. Bring something to share for the breakfast table. Coffee, tea and eggs will be provided. A good way to make connections and enjoy some old friends. RSVP and for directions call (717) 530-1743.



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...MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)236-7387 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 & 11 am. (717) 732-9773. 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/.

...**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Of Pottstown**, Sunday services 10 am. 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown, PA 19465. (610) 327-2662.

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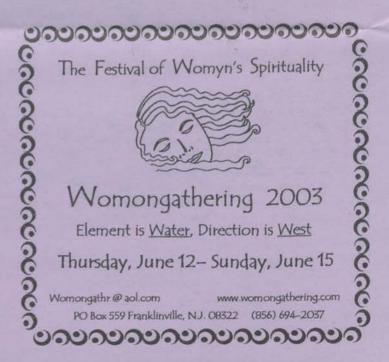
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Support Groups...

...**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 at 927 Wertzville Rd. Enola. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at (717) 732-9773, or Sandy at sansmagic@aol.com.

...Common Roads, 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. 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.



FYI....

....LGBT President's Day Ski Weekend, February 14 - 16, 2003, at Friar Tuck Inn & Resort, Catskill, NY. Ski Hunter Mountain and Ski Windham. Tour price per person: Double (2 adults per room) \$279 pp. Triple (3 adults per room) \$269 pp. Quad (4 adults per room) \$249 pp. Please call Kirestone Brooks at (717) 260-9431 for all the details

....Loaves of Love, a food bank for people with HIV/AIDS, located at the Harris Street United Methodist Church, 1605 Susquehanna St., Harrisburg, needs food for their pantry. Items they need most, peanut butter, tuna fish, and personal care items. Please call (717) 877-6674 to set up drop-off arrangements.

...Name change for one of our advertisers....Wee Baby Moon Productions has changed it's name to **Cyber Infinity Design**. Beth Shupp-George is still offering Web Design and Development, Custom Programming, and Database Development. Beth's work includes lavenderletter.com, askglsh.org, susq.org, and cammermyer.com.

Theatre....

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...Presents Winter Dance Festival, January 10, 11 and 12, 2003. This is one of their most popular events, and has been for 9 years. The Festival has invited area choreographers to showcase their work, and also features talented dancers representing a wide variety of dance styles. This Festival will be held at Millerville University's Student Memorial Center, Millersville, PA. General admission is \$12, and you can reserve your tickets online at: www.seventhsister.com, or by calling (717) 396-7764.

OPEN STAGE OF HARRISBURG

...Presents The Old Settler, January 31 - February 23, 2003. Elizabeth Borny is 50 and unmarried. She is - in the parlance of Harlem - an "old settler." Now Elizabeth is falling for her roomer, a young man with a most prophetic name. Is it a last chance for happiness...or one more trial a strong woman must overcome? Admission is \$22, and you can reserve your tickets online at: www.openstagehbg.com, or by calling (717) 232-6736.

THE ROSE LEHRMAN ARTS CENTER

...Presents Momix Opus Cactus, Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 PM. Dance, theatre, puppetry, acrobatics and special effects bloom in a fantasy of desert flora and fauna. Choreographer Moses Pendleton's imagination and the amazing dancers of Momix give us creeping lizards, strutting birds, flowering human cactus, and more in a suite of exotic desert dances. Admission is \$27, and you can reserve your tickets by calling (717) 231-ROSE (7673). The Arts Center is located at HACC's Wildwood Campus in Harrisburg.

Open House....

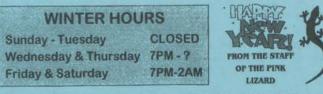
The Center, 1300-A N. Third St., Harrisburg, home to Common Roads, Gay & Lesbian Switchboard, and SPARC will be having an Open House, Sunday, February 23, from 1 - 4 PM. Please mark your calendars for this event! See you there!

Reminder....

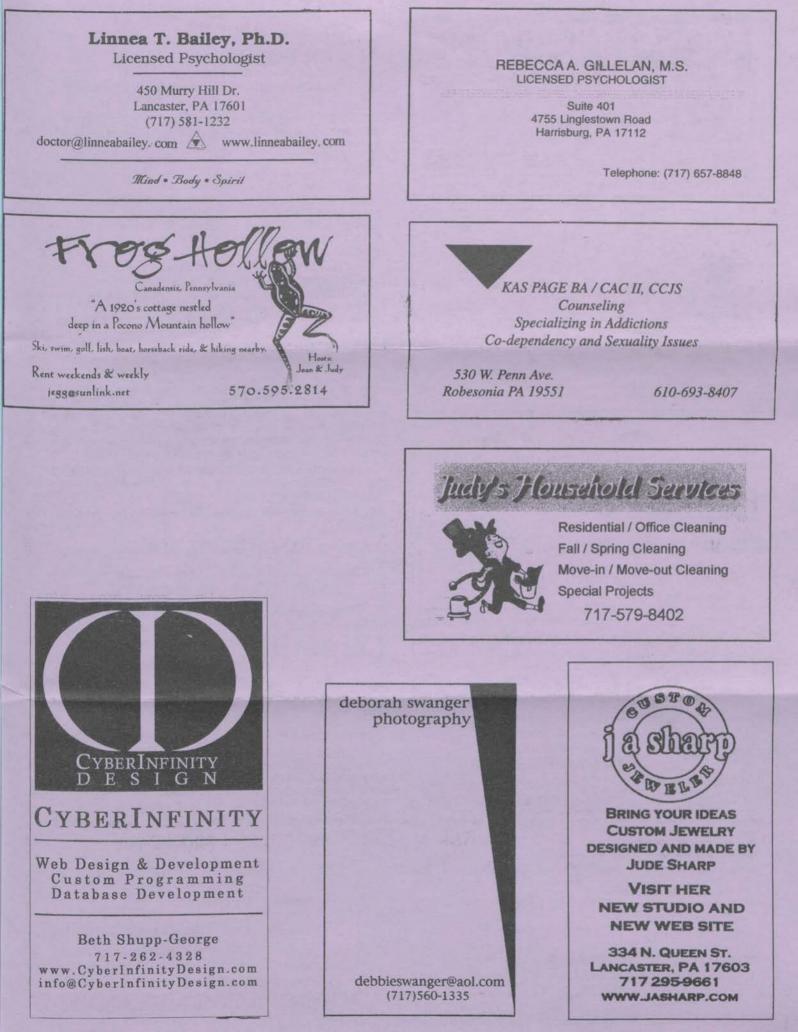
Valentine's Day is right around the corner!! It's Friday, February 14! Have you thought about it yet? It's time to start planning something special for your sweetheart!



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Fri-Jan 10	10PM	INGENUE DRAG SHOW		
Fri-Jan 17	9-11PM	DAMON & DESIREE (band)		
Fri-Jan 24	10PM	INGENUE DRAG SHOW		
Sun-Jan26	1PM	HUGE SUPERBOWL SUNDAY		
		PARTY Giveaways, Drawings,		
	Dri	nk Specials! Bring a covered dish.		
Fri-Jan 31	HELP M	ARCIA CELEBRATE HER		
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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH

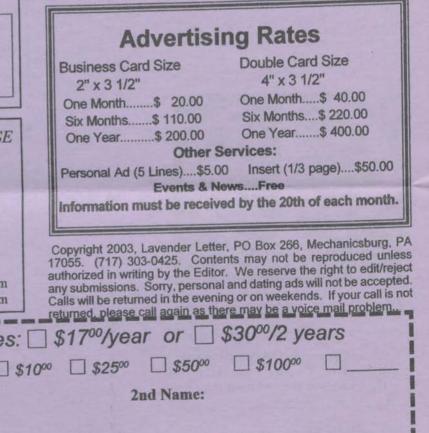
This is the time of the year where blood donation really drops off. Blood supplies are at a critical level during the winter months. Why? The weather is a factor, people traveling over the holidays, etc., etc.

A lot of you probably have never donated blood before, have you? It's easy! Nothing to it! All you have to do is go to a donor center, or if there is a blood drive going on somehwere with the blood mobile, go there. The blood mobile goes to malls, churches, etc. You can check the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank's web site to see the schedule for the blood drives: www.cpbb.org/donate.html, or you can call them at (717) 566-7848 for information. This website explains everything about blood donation, including who can and cannot donate blood.

Once you get there to donate blood, you will be given a registration form to fill out and to read a pamphlet "Important Information for Blood Donors". You will then be given a "mini-physical" by a technician, and you will need to complete a brief medical history. They will test your iron level in your blood, and then they will draw about a pint of blood from you. After your blood has been drawn you will be asked to relax for a few minutes and given some refreshments. After you leave you can resume your normal daily activities. The whole process takes about 45 minutes.

The most important reason for becoming a blood donor is to help meet the blood needs of our communities. Would you believe that only 7 % of the population donates blood on a regular basis? There is no substitute for human blood; blood donors are the ONLY source. Every three seconds someone needs blood! Just 1 pint of blood can save as many as four lives. Think about it! Four lives!

Don't want to go by yourself? Make it a group activity! Grab a couple of your friends and go donate blood! You will all feel great knowing that you are helping others in need.



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