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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

October, 2003

#### Activities ....

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:30 AM...Bicycle ride on the York County Heritage Rail Trail. This trail starts in York City and connects with Maryland's Northern Central Rail Trail. The group will decide how far we will ride. There are porto-potties in Hanover Junction and New Freedom along the trail. Bring your lunch! The Lavender Letter will supply bottled water. If you need to have your bike transported to the Trail it can be arranged. For more information on the ride please call Judy at: (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com.

#### **OCTOBER 13 - 19**

#### 18TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S WEEK IN PROVINCETOWN

It's that time of year again! Make your plans now to spend a great week in P'Town. Plenty to do and see. Womyn! Music! Workshops! Golf! Race Point Beach! Art's Dune Tours! Seafood! Sailing! Good times! The complete schedule for the week is available at www.womeninnkeepers.com.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 PM...Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food and fun. Singles and couples are welcome! For reservations please call Nancy at (717) 665-4234 by Wednesday, October 15.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 JIM IN BOLD

2 PM...If you missed Jim In Bold the last time, you can go see it at the West Shore Theater in New Cumberland. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (717) 920-9534. This is a powerful film, and definitely worth seeing.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 TRET FURE IN CONCERT

4 PM Matinee...Tret is in concert at Godfrey Daniels in Bethlehem, PA. For more info please call: (610) 867-2390.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 TRET FURE IN CONCERT

Tret is appearing at the Tin Angel in Philly. For more info please check their website: www.tinangel.com/schedule.html, or call (215) 928-0978.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

2 hour horseback ride through the Battlefields of Gettysburg. For more information please call Judy @ (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Saturday, October 4, 2003.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out meets for a fun evening out at a local restaurant. Singles and couples are welcome! Please call Judy at (717) 232-8382 or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Wednesday, October 22.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of Southcentral Pennsylvania will host a potluck. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share and join in good food and interesting conversation. Call (717) 292-5998 for directions.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Make sure you turn your clocks BACK one hour!

# Upcoming Events....

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

#### WITH TOSHI REAGON AND BIG LOVELY

2 PM...In concert at the Kimmel Center, Verizon Hall, in Philadelphia. For more info please check their website: www.kimmelcenter.org, or call (215) 893-1999. This year marks their 30th year as a group.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

#### 8TH ANNUAL FALL ACHIEVEMENT BENEFIT

7 PM... This year FAB will be at the newly renovated Strand Capitol Theatre in York, PA. and will be catered by Accomac Catering. This year's featured entertainer is Suzanne Westenhoefer. Proceeds benefit the LGBT organizations serving the Central Pennsylvania community. Tickets are \$65 and \$125. For more information and tickets, please call Greater Harrisburg Foundation at (717) 236-5040, or visit: www.fab-pa.org.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### CRIS WILLIAMSON & HOLLY NEAR

8 PM...See these 2 great women in concert at The Keswick Theatre in Glenside, PA. Tickets are on sale now! All tickets \$24.50. For more information please visit their website: www.keswicktheatre.com. They do have a directions page and also a listing of nearby restaurants.

# **OCTOBER at the Pink Lizard**

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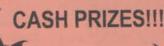
Fri-Oct 10 9PM **DELTA JELLY** come see this family band from Lancaster

Fri-Oct 17 10:30PM **EVENING OF ILLUSION** come out & see your favorite local cast & Sabrina White

Fri-Oct 24 10PM GRANDMA'S VARIETY SHOW
Fundraiser

Fri-Oct 31 HUGE HALLOWEEN PARTY!

11:30PM Costume Contest\*



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# Inspiring Quotes....

Many of our fears are tissue-paper-thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.

- Brendan Francis (1923-1964) Noted Irish author

## Spirituality....

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

...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. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. 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 Renjillan, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

...Unity Church, 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 God. that all people are one in 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. Website: http://members.aol.com/uupottstown.





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## LAVENDER LETTER

October 2003



#### 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 Church has an Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd & 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7 pm at the Unity Church 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 at The Center, 1300-A Third St. Harrisburg, to talk about our problems, our good times, and to simply have fun! For more information visit our website: www.commonroads.org, or call (717) 920-9534.

...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.

...PFLAG Warrington, PA. meets on the third Thursday of every month at Buxmont Unitarian Universalist Church in Warrington, PA. For more information about this group, please contact Corinne Thornton at (215) 545-4331, ext. 48.

## Social Groups...

...The Central Pennsylvania Wornyn'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.

...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 nonsmoking 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, community service and social 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 \$35 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.

#### Activism....

...NOW, York Chapter, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Peg or Delma at (717) 846-2089, or Kathy at (717) 845-4086 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.

...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.

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It's the story of a young woman, Katherine, who has spent years caring for her father who is a brilliant mathematician, and her father began having various kinds of mental illness problems. She gave up her life to care for him. When the play begins the father died. She is sitting alone on her 25th birthday and wondering is this going to happen to me. How much of my father's mental illness have I inherited and have I inherited any of his talent as well? So the play is about a weekend in her life where she is trying to sort that out and she is trying to deal with her sister, who's flown in from New York and she has some plan's for Katherine's life. There is also a character who is a grad student who is a protégé of the father's who is upstairs in the house looking through the dad's papers hoping to find something he left behind. He also kind of has designs on Katherine.

For more info please call: (717) 396-7764, or visit their website at: www.seventhsister.com.

#### HERSHEY THEATRE

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#### Ms. Kleen sez...

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You should clean these tubes out at least once a year. Look at the back of your dryer, see where the tube is clamped to the bottom of your dryer? Take a screwdriver and loosen the clamp so the tube comes off the back of your dryer. Do the same thing to the other end of the tube where it goes to the outside. Take your vacuum cleaner and remove any lint build-up in that hole in the dryer. Check for lint build-up where it goes to the outside too.

Ok, let's move on to that tube. If your tube looks like it's past it's prime, go to Home Depot or Lowe's and buy another one to replace it. Make sure you measure it first before you go to the store. Measure the length, and then measure the diameter of the tube opening.

You can use your vacuum to suck the lint out of your tube. When you are satisfied that your tube is pretty clean, hook it back up to the dryer and also where it goes to the outside. Good job! Now your dryer will operate more efficiently, AND you have eliminated a potential fire hazard.

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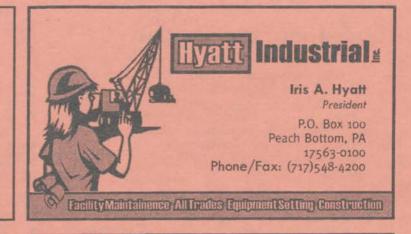


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## Health Spotlight....

# OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

When was the last time that YOU had a mammogram? Talk to your doctor about making an appointment for one if it has been a while. All women over 40, it is important to have a yearly mammogram. Try to have your mammogram done at the same place every year. Why? That way the radiologist can compare your new mammogram to your old one to see if there were any changes in your breasts from the previous year.

Your risk of developing breast cancer increases as you get older. What i are some of the other risk factors? There are genetic risk factors, meaning that it is hereditary in about 10 % of breast cancer cases. Would you believe race is a risk factor? White women areslightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women.

There are also lifestyle-related factors, such as not having children. Oral contraceptive, hormone replacement therapy, alcohol, and being overweight, are some of the other risk factors.

What are the signs and symptoms of breast cancer? A swelling of part of the breast, skin irritation or dimpling, nipple pain or the nipple turning inward, redness or scaliness of the nipple orbreast skin, a nipple discharge other than breast milk, and a lump in the underarm area.

Do you do a monthly breast self-exam? Do you know how to do a self-exam? If you don't, please talk to your doctor about it, or check the American Cancer Society website at: www.cancer.org.

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