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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

April, 2004

Activities....

IT'S SPRING AT LAST!!
YIPPEE!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 EASTER

The Lavender Letter would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter!

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 BRIDGES GALLERY PRESENTS

ILLUMINATIONS

This show runs April 16 - May 23rd, 2004. Featured artists include: Will Hübscher - Stewartstown, NJ. Vivid hand printed liquid transfers originating from both antique and modern photographs of the well-known and obscure. JD Dragan - Philadelphia, PA. Classic black and white male nudes, hand printed on luxurious fiber based photographic paper. Opening reception is Friday, April 16, 2004, from 5 till 10 PM. Bridges Gallery is located at 1112 N. 14th Street, Harrisburg, PA. For more info and directions, please visit http://bridgesgallery.com, or call (717) 903-7933.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

4 - 8 PM...Mama Mia! The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus is hosting an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner at the MCC of the Spirit at 2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg. Dine in or take out. Adults, \$10, seniors and students, \$5. Children under 5 eat for free. Home made sauces, breads and desserts. You'll love our fabulous raffle items! For more info, please contact Cynthia at (717) 564-0112.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

5:30 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South Central Pennsylvania will host a potluck in the Hanover area. Please call (717) 633-1796 for directions.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

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, April 14.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out meets for a fun evening out at a local restaurant. Singles and couples are welcome! For reservations please call Judy at (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Wednesday, April 21.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 CAPITOL DINNER THEATER PRESENTS: GREATER TUNA

6:30 PM... Join us as we watch this hilarious comedy at the Capitol Dinner Theater at 1300 Wayne St. Hbg. Tickets are \$35 per person, and all proceeds will benefit Common Roads, the LGBT youth group in Hbg. There will be great food and it's BYOB. For ticket info please call Common Roads at (717) 920-9534.

Upcoming Events....

MAY 11 & 12, 2004

K.D. LANG IN CONCERT IN BALTIMORE

k.d. is appearing at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall for 2 nights. For more information and ticket info, please check: www.baltimoresymphony.org.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Camp Out is hosting this festival at their campgrounds in Ferncliff, Virginia. They have a great line-up of entertainers this year! Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Zoe Lewis, Katherine Archer, and a number of others. For more info and directions please check their website: www.campoutva.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 1ST ANNUAL CLAWS & PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tourney will benefit the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area. Mark your calendars! This tournament is to be played at Silver Spring Golf Club. For more info please contact Heather Kuzmich at (717) 766-0462, OR Donna Goss at dlgoss@comcast.net.

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Friday-Apr 9

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Friday-Apr 16

9PM DJ Come Dance the night away!

Friday-Apr 23

9PM MISS KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL

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Friday-Apr 30

9PM HARRISBURG SWINGERS

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Spirituality....

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...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: h t t p:// 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 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 & Website: recognizing that all people are one in God. www.unitychurchharrisburg.com.

... Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sundays at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6 pm. Morning Children's School. Call (717) 285-9070. Sunday 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.

...St. Michael Lutheran Church, 118 State St. Harrisburg, PA. (717) 234-0092. Sunday services begin at 10 AM. Fellowship follows the service at 11:15 AM. We are a welcoming congregation. Website: www.paonline.com/stmike.

...Temple Beth Shalom, 913 Allendale Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. (717) 697-2662. Website: www.tbshalom.org.

... Market Square Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Chestnut Sts., Harrisburg, PA. (717) 257-1270. Church School at 9:30 AM, Sunday Worship at 11 AM. Handicapped access and free garage parking. We welcoming congregation. www.marketsquarechurch.org.



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Support Groups...

...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@ comcast.net.

...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 YORK meets at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Call Don & Pat (717) 843-3793, or Charles & Judy at (717) 741-1796 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

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

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.

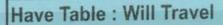
Social Groups...

...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.

...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.

...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 and 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 is: 503 General Sutter Ave., Lititz, PA. 17543, or visit us at: www.susq.org.



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...Interested in golfing with other lesbians? We will play courses in the York/Harrisburg/Lancaster area. Our first outing will be April 24 at a course in the Lancaster area. All levels of golfers are encouraged to participate. There are two Harrisburg golfing events we can enter as teams! Come have some fun! If interested contact: uusmith49@yahoo.com

...Need a Spring break? April 23 - 25, Rehoboth DE is having their Rehoboth Beach Wine and Food Festival. Doesn't that sound good? So does getting away for a weekend! Should be fun. Check out their website: www.diningdebeaches.com for more information.

...Calling all dog lovers! It's the Blue and Gray Dog Show Cluster coming to the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex April 8 - 11. This is one of the best shows in the country. There will also be MANY vendors there selling their dog-related products. For more information please check out their website: www.hkc.org.

...L Word on Showtime. Hope everyone is enjoying the show so far this season. The L Word has turned into a bighit and has been renewed for a 2nd season. Yeaa! We've been having a good time in Harrisburg with it. We've been having L Word Potlucks every 2 weeks on a Friday night. We tape 2 episodes and then have a potluck. It's been great! We've been successfully combatting cabin fever this winter.

Real Estate....

A 2 for 1 deal! Duplex home in Harrisburg city, beautifully landscaped front & rear, fenced, repointed bricks, replacement windows w/30 yr. transferrable warranty, carpeted, washer/dryer hook-up on first floor, 3 bedrooms, partially finished basement. Attached home has landscaped front yard, fencing, but needs work. Price negotiable. Please call (717) 233-7200.

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Moving?....

If you are moving please remember to notify the Lavender Letter, so you can continue to receive the Lavender Letter un-interrupted.

Call for Models....

Deb Swanger, a local lesbian photographer whose work is featured on www.bridgesgallery.com, is searching for LGBT people to volunteer for upcoming images. Deb is looking for all shapes and sizes and ethnic groups. If you are interested in participating or finding out more information, please call Deb at (717) 653-6774, or e-mail her at: debbieswanger@aol.com.

291 Exchange....

Offers artists an opportunity to participate in group discussions/critiques of your work. Artists of all mediums are welcome. 291 Exchange meets the second Friday of every month. For more information, contact Bridges Gallery at (717) 903-7933 or e-mail: info@bridgesgallery.com, or Deb Swanger Photography at (717) 653-6774 or e-mail: debbieswanger@aol.com.

Theatre....

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Tickets are \$14 - \$45, and available by calling (717) 397-7425, or online at: www.atthefulton.org. The Fulton is located at 12. N. Prince St. Lancaster.

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THEATER OF THE SEVENTH SISTER THE WHITE ROSE - APRIL 15 - MAY 1

1942. Germany. How many innocent people had to die before somebody listened? A true story of remarkable protest, courage, and unshakeable convictions. Tickets are available by calling: (717) 396-7764. Adults - \$20. Playing at Millersville University's Rafter Theater in Dutcher Hall.

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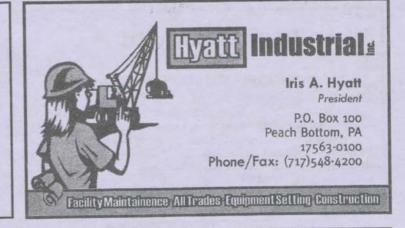
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Health Spotlight....

TAKE CARE OF YOUR FEET

Did you know.....more than 70% of all people in the United States will have painful foot problems at some time during their lifetime?

If your feet ain't happy, you ain't happy. Right? A lot of us take our feet for granted. Look how we mistreat them......women wearing HIGH heels, others wearing shoes that don't fit right, or you're not wearing the right shoes for the right activity. Ouch!!

Then there is corns, calluses, ingrown toe nails, fungus, athlete's foot, spurs, and the list goes on.......

How do you keep your feet happy? Wash your feet daily. Rinse off all soap and dry thoroughly, especially between the toes. Trim those toenails straight across, and not too short. Don't cut or dig at the corners of the nail. Wear clean socks or stockings every day. Wear shoes that fit. You should wear shoes that are made of leather or canvas, not synthetics. If your feet sweat a lot use foot powder. High heels can actually change body posture, which in turn will make backaches more likely. High heels also really cramp those toes. Ouch!

Do your shoes fit well? If they aren't comfortable, don't buy them! Can you wiggle all of your toes in the shoes that you have on now? The toe box should be roomy enough so that you can wiggle all of your toes. Go shoe shopping late in the afternoon, that is when your feet swell to their largest point. And....feet spread with age. Go to a shoe store that can measure your feet, so you'll be sure to get the right size shoe for your feet. That's very important.

Pamper your feet from time to time too. There are some good mechanical foot massagers out there, or you can just soak them in a container of warm water for a while. Ahhhh, that feels good. Take care of those feet!

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OR

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