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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

July, 2004

## Activities....

### SUNDAY, JULY 4

Our nation's 228th birthday! Picnics, cookouts, and fireworks!

### SUNDAY, JULY 4

**6 PM...**MCC of the Spirit Church will hold the evening worship service at 344 N. Front St., Wormleysburg. There will be a potluck followed by worship. Then we will fellowship and watch the firework display from the front porch. Bring a dish to share and a chair. Need more information? Please call: (717) 236-7387.

### SUNDAY, JULY 4

**7 PM...**Kate and CJ in concert at Outdoor World Circle M Ranch in Lancaster, PA. This terrific duo has appeared a number of times at the Pink Lizard in Hbg. They are a local favorite! Circle M Ranch is located at 2122 Millersville Rd., Lancaster. For more info please call (717) 872-4651.

### JULY 9, 10 & 11

### SUSQUEHANNA CLUB'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP - PINE BARRENS, NJ

In the New Jersey Pine Barrens - Coastal Plain Forest, with scenic trails and pristine rivers; a unique island of vanishing beauty. We will take a Saturday canoe trip down the Wading River (for beginners to those with moderate skill; you may tip, but the water is shallow). Nearby is historic Batsto Village, the Batona Trail, and Hammonton, NJ. Cost for members is \$30 per person, non-members is \$35 per person. To register, please go to: [www.susq.org](http://www.susq.org), click on trips, find this trip and click Register Now! We always have a great time on the Women's Weekend camping trips!

### SATURDAY, JULY 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, July 14.

### THURSDAY, JULY 22

### LILY TOMLIN IN YORK

**7:30 PM...**Lily Tomlin is appearing at the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center in downtown York. Single ticket prices: \$55. To order your tickets: (717) 846-1111, OR [www.strandcapitol.com](http://www.strandcapitol.com). Don't miss this great comedienne!

### SATURDAY, JULY 24

### PRIDE PICNIC

**1 PM till dark...**Forever Books and the Lavender Letter are sponsoring a Pride Picnic for all LGBT families! We will be at Shutt Mill Park in Susquehanna Twp., Hbg. This is a secluded park, lots of privacy! There will be hot dogs, burgers, veggies, side dishes, desserts and drinks. Meal tickets are \$5 for adults, kids 13 - 18 are \$2, and kids 12 and under are free. There will be plenty of games for the kids and adults too! For more info please visit: [www.foreverbooks.biz](http://www.foreverbooks.biz). Come out and join us for some fun in the park!

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

### 2004 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA PRIDEFEST

**Noon till 7 PM...**It's PrideFest! It's still in South Riverfront Park on South Front St. in Hbg. Admission this year is \$7 per person. This is the second year for the mass Commitment Ceremony that begins at 12:30 PM. There is some great entertainment this year! The headline is Pepper MaShay, International Dance Diva. She's got 3 Billboard chart-topping dance anthems in the past two years! The ever-popular Natalie Darkes will be performing, the Voodoo Lovehounds, the MCC of the Spirit Church Choir and the always popular drag performers! For directions and more info, please visit: [www.harrisburgpride.org](http://www.harrisburgpride.org). The Lavender Letter will have a booth there this year!

## Upcoming Events....

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

**1ST ANNUAL CLAWS AND PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
This tournament is open to Men's, Women's & Mixed Foursomes. Prizes will be awarded in each division. It's a scramble format! For more info and to download a registration form, please go to: [www.humanesocietyhbg.org/golf.htm](http://www.humanesocietyhbg.org/golf.htm).

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

### K.D. LANG AT THE KIMMEL CENTER IN PHILLY

**7:30 PM...**k..d. will be performing with a 40-piece orchestra in Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center. Single tickets go on sale August 16, and the price ranges from \$30 - \$80. For more info please go to: [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

## PINK LIZARD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Pinklizard881@aol.com](mailto:Pinklizard881@aol.com)  
717-939-1123

### JULY 2004

July 2nd - 9pm  
American Prelim to Miss Gay  
Pennsylvania 2005

July 3rd - *Come out and Celebrate RED, WHITE & BLUE night at the Lizard. Prizes for the displaying the most spirit.*

 \$50.00 1st prize  
\$25.00 2nd prize  
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July 16th - 9pm  
Miss Gay Pride Pageant  
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July 23rd - 9pm

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July 30th - 10pm  
Pride Kickoff Drag Show  
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### PINK LIZARD SOFTBALL JULY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT
JUL 7 - WED	New Market	Forry's Body Shop
Jul 12 - Mon	Roof #3	Buzzards
Jul 22 - Mon	New Market	Hoffman Associates
Jul 28 - Wed	New Market	Chelsea
6pm		
Jul 29 - Thu	Roof #3	C.F. Acti
6pm		
Aug 2 - Mon	Roof #1	Arrdarks
6pm		

**Looking for MS. Lizard  
Where are you?**

Watch your email for more information!!

### JULY 31ST - CELEBRATION TIME SEE YOU THERE

**604 PRIDE ON THE RIVERFRONT-DAY** & **PINK LIZARD 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY-NIGHT**  
(Doors Open at 8pm)



# Spirituality....

## WORSHIP SERVICES

...**Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg**, meets twice a month, the 2nd and the 4th Sundays at 3 PM. UUG meets at Trinity UCC, corner of S. Stratton & E. High Sts., Gettysburg, PA. Children's religious education program. Everyone welcome. For more information, please call (717) 334-5141, or visit [www.uugettysburg.org](http://www.uugettysburg.org).

...**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 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 that all people are one in God. **Website:** [www.unitychurchharrisburg.com](http://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 Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: [REVDCOGGIN@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:uch@paonline.com). **Website:** <http://www.paonline.com/uchuaa>.

...**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](http://www.paonline.com/stmike).

...**Temple Beth Shalom**, 913 Allendale Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. (717) 697-2662. **Website:** [www.tbshalom.org](http://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 are a welcoming congregation. **Website:** [www.marketsquarechurch.org](http://www.marketsquarechurch.org).

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- Mary Oliver (b. 1935)  
Famous Poet

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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](http://catholiclesbians.org). For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: [cathlesRU12@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 facilitators. 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](http://www.commonroads.org), or call (717) 920-9534.

...**PFLAG Central Pennsylvania** meets monthly. For more information e-mail: [pflagcenpa@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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 commitment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: [www.nglft.org](http://www.nglft.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](http://www.cpwchorus.org), or e-mail: [info@cpwchorus.org](mailto:info@cpwchorus.org).

...**The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania.** Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liaison, & 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 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](http://www.susq.org).



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## Camping....

### SUSQUEHANNA CLUB'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND CAMPING TRIPS FOR 2004

Fall Women's Weekend - Cape Henlopen, DE  
September 10, 11, & 12

Cost: TBA

Cape Henlopen, DE - This park offers camping in pine-covered dunes. Adjacent is the historic Lewes, where you can go whale-watching. Nearby is Rehoboth Beach, which attracts thousands of LGBT visitors. Judy and Lisa will lead. Directions: [www.destateparks.com/chsp/chsp.htm](http://www.destateparks.com/chsp/chsp.htm) Check out: [www.rehoboth.com](http://www.rehoboth.com) for what's happening in the area.

To register for any of these trips, please go to: [www.susq.org](http://www.susq.org), click on trips, and then register. We always have a great time when we go camping!

## Women's Festivals....

### 30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 22 - 25

Where: Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Sleep in comfortable, air-conditioned dorms, and eat in the Dining Hall. Almost all the comforts of home. They have some great performers lined up this year: Tret Fure, Ubaka Hill, Cris Williamson, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Zoe Lewis, Sister Funk, and of course they will have a Drum Chorus with Ubaka Hill. There's also workshops, golf scramble, and films/videos. Sounds great! For registration and information: <http://wiaonline.org>.

### 29TH MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUGUST 10 - 15

As always, this is a great one! Lots of great entertainment this year! Making appearances this year will be: C.C. Carter, Mimi Fox, Erase Errata, Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Ubaka Hill, Kate Clinton, Karen Williams, and many others. New this year is Hothead Paisan - The Musical, Act One, featuring Animal Pruffrock, Ani DiFranco, Ferron, Toshi Reagon and others. WOW! Sounds great doesn't it? For more information and registration, please visit: [www.michfest.com](http://www.michfest.com).

### 21ST ANNUAL TWIN OAKS WOMEN'S GATHERING

AUGUST 27 - 29

This is a Multicultural Event, Women Celebrating Ourselves In Community. Dance, Movement, Drumming, Camping, Swimming, Workshops, Mud Pit, Games, Ritual Fun, Singing, and more! This will be their 21st year of coming together at Twin Oaks to celebrate our connections, our creativity, and our strength as women in all our diversity - race, age, class, shape/weight, parents/non-parents, orientation, spirituality, and more. For more information and registration, please visit: [www.twinoaks.org](http://www.twinoaks.org)

## Golf....

### WACHOVIA LPGA CLASSIC HOSTED BY BETSY KING

AUGUST 23 - 29

Locally, this tourney has always been known as the Betsy King Classic, and always played at the beautiful Berkleigh Country Club in Kutztown, PA. This is a great opportunity to see the best women golfers in the world right in our own backyard. For tickets and more information, please visit: [www.firstunionbetsyking.com](http://www.firstunionbetsyking.com). Hurry! Tickets are going fast!

## Theatre....

### EPHRATA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER NINE

JULY 29 - AUGUST 14

Fellini's classic film 8 1/2 has sprung entrancingly to life into live theater in this spectacular show, which won the 1982 Tony as Best Musical, and also was a recent hit revival on Broadway. The story concerns famous Italian film director Guido Contini and his attempt to get over his artistic block and come up with a good plot for his latest film and his personal life falls into chaos. A beautiful lush score and inventive book make Nine fresh, lavish, touching and funny. \*Contains adult situations.\* Single ticket prices are \$20. Please call (717) 733-7966, or visit: [www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org](http://www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org). Directions are available on the website. This is a terrific organization that presents great plays using local talent doing a super job! Season subscriptions and gift certificates are available.

### THEATRE HARRISBURG! BROADWAY SOUNDS OF SUMMER

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

You won't want to miss this exciting program of choral, mall ensemble and solo numbers from the best of Broadway, performed by the Harrisburg Singers and members of the Theatre Harrisburg Ensemble.

There will be selections from Jekyll & Hyde, Phantom of the Opera, West Side Story, A Little Night Music, The Secret Garden, State Fair, Porgy and Bess, Girl Crazy and many more.

Operetta fans will relish selections from Gilbert and Sullivan and John Philip Sousa, too. More than 40 singers strong, this ensemble will bring a special thrill to a perfect summer evening of light entertainment.

All Theatre Harrisburg Mainstage productions are presented in the Sunoco Performance Theater, part of Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. Single ticket prices are \$15 - \$25. For ticket reservations please call The Box at (717) 214-ARTS, or purchase online at: [www.theatreharrisburg.com](http://www.theatreharrisburg.com).

### OYSTER MILL PLAYHOUSE

110 IN THE SHADE

JULY 9 - 25

Lizzie Curry's father and brothers are worried as much about her becoming an old maid as they are about their drought-stricken ranch. Suddenly a smooth-talking con man appears and promises to bring rain for \$100. Lizzie's father agrees, but Lizzie is not convinced. So the "rainmaker" works his magic on Lizzie and persuades her that she has a real beauty of her own. Based on the play The Rainmaker, 110 in the Shade was created by the authors of The Fantasticks, America's longest running musical! Single ticket prices are \$18. For ticket reservations please call (717) 737-6768, or visit: [www.oystermill.com](http://www.oystermill.com). Directions to Oyster Mill are on their website.

### SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

ROMEO AND JULIET

JULY 24 AND 25 AT 7:30 PM

Theatre of the Seventh Sister presents this play at Long's Park Amphitheater, located at Route 30 & Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. FREE admission! FREE parking! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! You can pack your dinner, or stop along the way to pick up your dinner and enjoy it in beautiful Long's Park.

## Classified Ad....

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- 4th - Sunday**  
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- 5th - Monday**  
Holiday - Special Hours - We Are Open - Noon till 8 PM
- 7th - Wednesday**  
7 - 9 PM Men's Discussion Group
- 11th - Sunday**  
4 - 6 PM Women's Book Club Meeting - Bring a snack
- 17th - Saturday**  
8 - 10 PM Queer As Folk Party - Season 1, Episodes 3 & 4  
Come join us before you hit the bars!! Must sign up to attend.
- 21st - Wednesday**  
7 - 9 PM Men's Discussion Group
- 24th Sunday**  
1 - 8 PM Forever Books and the Lavender Letter Pride Picnic  
For more information and to sign up:  
[www.foreverbooks.biz/Members/EmailAccessPage.htm](http://www.foreverbooks.biz/Members/EmailAccessPage.htm)
- 31st - Saturday**  
11:30 AM - 7 PM Harrisburg's Gay Pride Festival  
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9 PM - 2 AM Promotion table at Stallion's

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# The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus

Presents

## A Free Bon Voyage Concert

- Where?** MCC Church of the Spirit  
2973 Jefferson Street  
Harrisburg, PA
- When?** Monday, July 12, 2004
- Time?** 8:30 – 9:00 PM

On July 17th, we're off to participate in the ***GALA Ville Festival International*** in Montréal, Canada. Before we go, we'd like to invite you and your friends to come and hear us perform our specially prepared concert selections in full concert attire.

Please feel free to stay a few minutes after the concert and let us know how we're doing. As always, we promise you a top notch performance!



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