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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

October, 2004

Activities....

WOMEN'S WEEK IN PROVINCETOWN, MA. OCTOBER 8 - 17, 2004 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

For more info and to see the schedule for the week, go to: www.womeninnkeepers.com/wweek.index.html

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

8 PM...Queer Cinema at MCC of the Spirit Church. Tonight's movie will be "In & Out" starring Kevin Kline. Movies are shown on the second Friday of every month on the LCD projector in the church sanctuary. Come and see your favorite Queer movies on the "big screen". Please call (717) 236-7387 for directions or additional information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

7:30 PM...This terrific group will be appearing at the Whitaker Center's Sunoco Performance Theater. Tickets are \$19.50 and available by calling: (717) 214-ARTS, or order online at: www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

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COME OUT, COME OUT WHOEVER YOU ARE!!!

7 - 9 PM...All are welcome to attend a reception at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St., in honor of National Coming Out Day! Encourage friends and relatives young and old who are looking to feel supported as they embark on their journey. It promises to be a wonderful, safe and non-intrusive event! We will provide food, live music, an information table and friendship. Also, please come to our service at the church on Sunday, October 10, 2004. Rev. Bob Renjillian and members of the GLBT committee will give a liberal religious voice to the GLBT community to celebrate spirituality and being true to oneself. For directions, please call (717) 845-8212.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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 13.

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 ticket prices range from \$30 - \$80. For more info, please go to: www.kimmelcenter.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania is having a "dine-out" at El Rodeo in west York. For details please e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com, or call Judy at (717) 232-8382.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:30 PM...It's Harrisburg Ladies Night Out! Please join us for a great time at a local restaurant. Singles and couples are welcome! For more info and to make your reservation, please contact Judy at: (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Wednesday, October 27.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

This means turn your clocks BACK one hour! Don't forget!

Upcoming Events....

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 JANE OLIVOR

8 PM...Join Jane at the Whitaker Center's Sunoco Performance Theater. Tickets are \$28.50. To reserve your seat please call: (717) 214-ARTS, or go to: www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp to order your tickets online.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DAR WILLIAMS SOLO SHOW

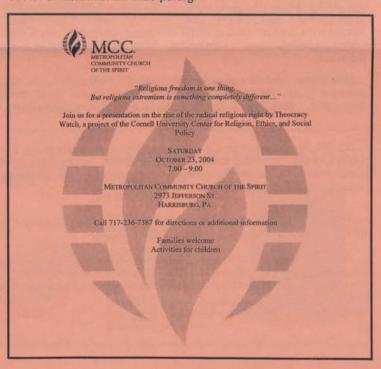
8 PM...See Dar perform in the Sunoco Performance Theater in Harrisburg. Tickets are \$28.50 and \$31.50, and are available online at: www.whitakercenter.org, or by calling(717)214-ARTS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 INDIGO GIRLS

8 PM...Come see Amy Ray and Emily Saliers make their Keswick Theatre debut! Tickets are \$36, and are available by calling: (215) 572-7650, or online at: www.keswicktheatre.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 FAB 2004

FAB 2004 will be held at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center in downtown York. This year's performer is Georgia Ragsdale! You've seen her in P'Town, HBO, Olivia Cruises, etc. This is one of America's funniest lesbian comediennes! Cocktail reception and main event w/premium seating is \$135 pp. Main event only w/reserved seating is \$75 pp. Black tie or business dress is suggested. For tickets please contact the Strand's box office: (717) 846-1111. For more info: www.fab-pa.org.



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.

...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: 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 & recognizing that all people are one in God. Website: www.unitychurchharrisburg.com.

...Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sundays at 10:30 am, Prayer and Praise Wednesdays 7 pm, Saturdays 6 pm starting in October. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: Pastor Debbie Coggin, RevDebbieCoggin@aol.com, or visionofhopemcc@aol.com. Website: www.visionofhopemcc.org.

...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 are a welcoming congregation. Website: www.marketsquarechurch.org.

Inspiring Quotes....

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them.

Harold J. Smith Famous Author

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Gay Pioneers

What?

film documenting the first organized "homosexual" civil rights demonstrations (1965-1969).

witness archival footage from early LGBT demonstrations.

meet some of the gay pioneers in person.

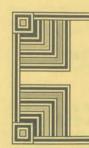
Tickets

\$10 each

Where?

The Historic Harrisburg Association 1230 North 3rd St. Harrisburg (across from Broad St. Market) When? Sunday October 24, 2004 2 - 5 PM

Proceeds benefit Common Roads: Central Pennsylvania's only gay youth organization.



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LAVENDER LETTER

October 2004



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.

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 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.

...HOWL (Hanging Out With Lesbians), we are lesbians from Central Pennsylvania (Harrisburg - York - Lebanon - Lancaster) who enjoy activities in non-smoking environments. Activities include: concerts, dinners, brunch, movies, camping, golf, picnics, hikes, plays, game nights, femme flick fest, and anything else that sounds fun! If you'd like to join us, please send an email to: howlofpa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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 infoldirections

...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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Film Festivals....

3RD ANNUAL CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2004

The Midtown Cinema, located at 250 Reily St. in Harrisburg, is THE place to be if you want to see some really great LGBT movies. The film line-up isn't ready yet, but you can check it in mid-September at this website: www.filmspeak.com.

REEL AFFIRMATIONS FILM FESTIVAL DC OCTOBER 14 - 24, 2004

This is their 14th year bringing great LGBT films to DC. Their line-up is not finalized yet, but will be very soon. Please call: (202) 986-1119, or check out their website at: www.reelaffirmations.org.

PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL OCTOBER 15-24, 2004

Pittsburgh has been having this festival for 19 years! It is also one of the oldest and best in the US. Their film line-up is not finalized yet, but will be soon. Please check their website: www.pilgff.org, or call: (412) 232-3277.

WHY A WILL IS A MUST AND OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS FOR LGBT'S By Derek Cordier

Here are the basics. Wills - if you die without a Will, or a spouse in Pennsylvania, your estate passes to your children. If you do not have children, your estate passes to your parents, then to your brothers and sisters or their children. Your grandparents are next, and then on down the line until your estate goes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Who will be the administrator of your estate is also governed by state law.

If you have a partner and die without a Will, the partner may not only end up with nothing, but may have to go to court to prove ownership of what was rightfully theirs. If you have minor children, a court may appoint a guardian that may not be the person you hoped would raise them. Even with a small estate a Will is important because if you die in an accident because of negligence, the person named in your Will could benefit from an award or settlement. Larger estates should utilize estate planning to make sure that they are not taxed more than the law requires. Another consideration is funeral arrangements. If you do not leave specific instructions as to your wishes, those closest to you may not have any rights to your remains, and could even be barred from the funeral. A Will can prove your intent to choose someone other than your next of kin to have rights to your remains. (Next of kin have rights by state law).

Two documents that allow you to decide who makes health care decisions when you are incapacitated are the Power of Attorney for Health Care, and the Living Will. Without a Power of Attorney for Health Care, those closest to you may not only be barred from making medical decisions, but may be barred from the hospital as well. However, a Power of Attorney for Health Care does not necessarily allow those closest to you to stop life support so a Living Will, called an Advance Directive for Health Care, is needed to carry out those wishes. It is also recommended that you carry a Medical Identification Card that simply states who to contact in case of an emergency.

Another important document is the Power of Attorney for Finances, which allows someone else to make financial decisions for you, including making payments and writing checks. Basically, with this document anything you can do financially can also be done by the person you appoint. This power is especially important if you become incapacitated. However, this power can be designed to be broad or specific, such as simply allowing the transfer of an automobile.

All of these documents are very inexpensive considering the rights they convey and the peace of mind they give. A Simple Will should not cost more than \$100.00, and the others I mentioned should be less than that. You can get these in kits over the internet, but aren't recommended,

Theatre....

EPHRATA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BATBOY: THE MUSICAL SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 16

An outrageously silly and totally charming off-Broadway hit. Based on the "Batboy" stories in the Weekly World News, Batboy: The Musical is a comedy/horro spoof about a half boy/half bat creature who is discovered in a cave in Hope Falls, WV. Batboy is taken in by a family who tries to adapt him to civilization, but when the town experiences a series of gruesome murders, Batboy is thr first suspect. A smart modern musical which manages to be an uproarious campy spoof of 1950's horror films while also sweet and touching. (Contains adult language) * Single ticket prices are \$20. Please call (717) 733-7966, or visit: 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! THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 3

This is a one of those great Gilbert and Sullivan musicals! Sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers, dewy-eyed maidens and an eccentric Major-General square off against the often -ridiculous dictates of honor and duty in this wacky and whimsical musical farce.

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.

OYSTER MILL PLAYHOUSE SUMMER AND SMOKE OCTOBER 1 - 10

This is one of Tennessee Williams most highly-regarded works! The minister's spinster daughter, who lives at home and must cope with her father and dotty mother, is romantically attached to the young doctor who lives next door. Their relationship is complicated because his hedonistic and self-centered behavior is at odds with her puritannical upbringing. In spite of this, their story is a love story - told here in beautiful, poetic language.

Ticket prices are \$12. For reservations, please call (717) 737-6768. Website: www.oystermill.com.

OPEN STAGE THE THREEPENNY OPERA SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 10

The classic Kurt Weil musical featuring "The Ballad of Mack The Knife". Business was never dirtier.....! Open Stage is located at 223 Walnut St. in Harrisburg. Ticket info: (717) 232-OPEN, or www.openstagehbg.com.

THEATRE OF THE SEVENTH SISTER DRAWER BOY

SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 3

The lives of 2 farmers are comically disrupted when a young actor comes to live with them. As he becomes a part of their lives, the fascinating story of these boyhood friends and WWII veterans becomes a part of his play. Hilarity and heartbreak mix in this award-winning play by Michael Healy, about the power of art to help us remember what's important. For more info and directions: (717) 396-7764, or www.seventhsister.com.

STRAND CAPITOL THEATRE

The Strand has many wonderful shows going on in September and October. Check them out at: www.strandcapitol.org/html/stage.html.

especially the Powers of Attorney, as Pennsylvania has specific notice requirements. Also, using an attorney will help ensure that the documents are correct.

Derek says if you bring a copy of the Lavender Letter with you when you see him, you get \$25 off a will package, which normally costs \$215.00. Please call him for details!

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MzKleen sez....

Fall is upon us, and it's time to clean your gutters! The gutters on your house need attention because falling leaves can clog your gutters and be a big problem! You need to clean those gutters! Not sure how to do that? Check out this website for the details: www.ehow.com/how 2418_clean-gutters.html.

Is your house ready for winter? Oil and gas prices will continue to climb for the forseeable future, because we will run out of oil and gas in our lifetime. I'm serious. We've already pumped most of it out of the ground, and it does not replenish itself. It's time to start saving energy in your home. Ace Hardware.com has ideas for you on how to save energy in your home. Go to: www.acehardware.com/info/index.jsp?infoPath=1282810&categoryId=1282810.

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The beautiful Castilian Room is the backdrop for the tea at 3 PM. Keltz will perform "The Bells", "The Tell-Tale Heart", "To Helen", "Annabel Lee", and "The Raven". Guests can enjoy delicate, fresh pastries and an assortment of English teas. Prices for the 3 PM performance are \$39 for adults, and \$23 for children ages 3 to 8, including tax and gratuity.

The award-winning Circular Dining Room is the setting for the dinner at 6:30 PM. The evening performance includes the following works: "Cask of Amontillado", "The Bells", "The Black Cat", and "The Raven". A punch reception and cash bar will start at 6 PM in the Fountain Lobby; seating for dinner will begin at 6:30 PM. Prices for the evening performance are \$96 for adults, and \$45 for children ages 3 to 8.

Advance reservations and pre-payment are required; please call (717) 534-8800. "A Tell Tale Tea with Poe" and "A Poetic Dinner with Poe" are separate events.

Poe books, gifts and collectibles offered by Jackson Enterprises, Inc. will be available for sale and signing by Mr. Keltz.

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