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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

December, 2004

## Activities....

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S CHORUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

**8 PM...**A fabulous multi-media celebration of a fabulous 10 years, featuring some of the chorus' greatest hits--and some great surprises! Welcoming our dynamic new Artistic Director Giesala Collins. We will be at the Unity Church, 927 Wertzville Rd., Enola. Tix - \$15. For more info: (717) 234-4825, or email: info@cpwchorus.org. Please visit our website: www.cpwchorus.org.

**DECEMBER 4**

### DAR WILLIAMS & CATIE CURTIS

**8 PM...**In concert at the Keswick Theatre in Glenside, PA. Ticket prices are \$29.50 and \$33.50. Tickets and info: (215) 572-7650, or online at: www.keswicktheatre.com.

**DECEMBER 10, 11 & 12**

Alternative Adventures, the new lesbian camping group, is having a cabin camping trip this weekend at a hunting cabin near State College. During our stay there we will be going to a member's family Christmas Tree Farm to chop down our own Christmas tree! If you don't want to chop down a tree, you don't have to! Not to worry about hauling your tree back home, as we have several womyn with trucks to haul it home for you! For more information and the camping fee, and to reserve your spot, please email: info@altad.org.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**8 PM...**Queer Cinema at MCC of the Spirit Church. Movies are shown on the second Friday of each 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.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

The Lavender Letter would like to wish peace, love, happiness and joy to you and yours this Christmas Season. Merry Christmas!



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Ring in the New Year! And please, Don't Drink and Drive!

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**BETHLEHEM, PA.**

Dates are as follows: December 1 - 5, December 8 - 12, and December 15 - 19, 2004.

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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.mccothespirit.org](http://www.mccothespirit.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.

...**Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster**, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail [ChurchOffice@uucblnline.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@uucblnline.org)  
**Website: [www.uuclonline.org](http://www.uuclonline.org)**.

...**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. **Website: [www.uucy.org](http://www.uucy.org)**.

...**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 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](mailto:RevDebbieCoggin@aol.com), or [visionofhopemcc@aol.com](mailto:visionofhopemcc@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: [office@uchuaa.org](mailto:office@uchuaa.org). **Website: [www.uchuaa.org](http://www.uchuaa.org)**.

...**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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- \* LGBT voter registration, education and mobilization
- \* Electing openly LGBT candidates for public and party office
- \* Supporting LGBT-friendly officeholders and candidates, and seeking to oust anti-gay office holders and candidates
- \* Promoting legislative issues of importance to the LGBT community, including domestic partnership at the municipal level, and the right to marry at the state level
- \* Providing a forum for LGBT people to meet candidates for office and officeholders

Please join us! Dues include membership in the National Stonewall Democrats. Dues for 1 year are: \$30 Individual, \$50 Couple/Family, and \$10 Student/Low Income. To receive student rate, please show student ID or mail a photocopy of ID. Checks may be made out to: Capital Region Stonewall Democrats, and mail to:

Capital Region Stonewall Democrats - PO Box 200 - Harrisburg, PA 17108



# CENTER PIECE

## LAVENDER LETTER

December 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 [catholicslesbians.org](http://catholicslesbians.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. Please call Charles (717) 846-2560, or email: [chuckdk753@aol.com](mailto:chuckdk753@aol.com), or call Cheryl at (717) 266-4530. 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).

...**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: [howlofa-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:howlofa-subscribe@yahoo.com).

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### HERSHEY THEATRE THE KING AND I DECEMBER 7 - 12

Don't miss this terrific production starring **Sandy Duncan!** Tickets are \$35 - \$47, and are available by calling the box office at: (717) 534-3405.

### TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE A CHRISTMAS CAROL DECEMBER 3 - 19

This is a really great playhouse in Caledonia, near Gettysburg and Chambersburg, PA. Tickets are \$28 and \$29, and are available by calling 1-888-805-7056.

### ALLENBERRY PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS DREAM ON ANGEL STREET NOW THRU DECEMBER 30

This playhouse is located near historic Boiling Springs, PA. You will have to call for ticket prices at 1-800-430-5468, or visit them online at: [www.allenberry.com](http://www.allenberry.com).

### THEATRE OF THE SEVENTH SISTER A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES DECEMBER 17, 18, AND 19

This is a must see play by Dylan Thomas. For ticket prices and directions, please call: (717) 396-7764, or visit them online at: [www.seventhsister.com](http://www.seventhsister.com).

### MOUNT HOPE ESTATE AND WINERY A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS NOW THRU DECEMBER 23

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## EPHRATA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TIMES SQUARE ANGEL DECEMBER 9 - 18

For its first ever Christmas production, EPAC has decided to ring in the Holiday season in its own very special way by presenting its favorite comic gender-bending playwright Charles Busch's holiday show. Times Square Angel is an uproarious funny parody of the beloved holiday film "It's a Wonderful Life". Times Square Angel tells the story of Irish O'Flanagan, a tough dame raised in the slums of depression-era Hell's Kitchen New York. Watch as Irish fights her way out of the slums and into the heights of New York cabaret life with her secret weapons: spunk, talent and a FABULOUS wardrobe. As Irish climbs the ladder of success she becomes so hard and decadent that only her wisecracking guardian angel can save her from herself. For tickets and information please visit: [www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org](http://www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org), or by calling: (717) 733-7966.

### STRAND CAPITOL THEATRE RED HOT FRIDAY, DEC. 31

Spend New Year's Eve with some of the hottest music around! You'll hear sexy songs from Chicago, Ain't Misbehavin, Victor Victoria, A Chorus Line among others, from a 7-piece orchestra and 15 of Broadway's hottest singers and dancers. Show starts at 10 PM. Tickets are \$38. For fix and more info: [www.strandcapitol.org](http://www.strandcapitol.org), or call: (717) 846-1111.

### OPEN STAGE 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PRESENTATION OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL DECEMBER 3 - 26

This is from the story by Charles Dickens, and adapted by Edward Alsedek. Open Stage does a wonderful presentation of this classic story. Tickets are \$22, and available by calling: (717) 214-ARTS (2787), or visiting them online at: [www.openstagehb.com](http://www.openstagehb.com).

## FYI...

...**Great News!** You can now subscribe to the Lavender Letter online! Just go to the Subscription page and click on either 1 year or 2 years and follow the directions. Easy!

...There are no Harrisburg or Lancaster Ladies Night Out dinners in December. Everybody is too busy shopping, attending family holiday parties, work holiday parties, decorating, etc. Dinners will return in January.

...**Capital Region Stonewall Democrats** are selling bumper stickers to raise money to help elect Democratic candidates with positive stands on LGBT issues, and advance the cause of equality and fairness for LGBT Americans. The bumper stickers are blue and white and say, Don't Blame Me I Voted For Kerry. Prices for these are one for \$3, and 2 for \$5. If you are interested, please call Judy at (717) 232-8382, or email: [info@lavenderletter.com](mailto:info@lavenderletter.com). The bumper stickers look great!

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...**Changes** in the Lavender Letter and its website are coming in 2005. It's a new year and new things are on the way for the Lavender Letter. Stay tuned...

...**Yahoo group** for the Lavender Letter. The group is for subscribers only. If you would like to join the group just send your email address to [info@lavenderletter.com](mailto:info@lavenderletter.com), and an invitation to join the group will be sent to you. I have said before that there are times when information comes in too late to make the next issue of the Letter. Now that info can be sent out via email to subscribers. I am also looking for subscribers to email the Letter if there are any happenings going on in your area that you think other subscribers would be interested in. I am specifically looking for happenings in York, Lebanon, Lancaster and other areas where subscribers live.



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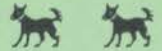
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