

# **LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA**

**Located at Dickinson College  
Archives & Special Collections**

**<http://archives.dickinson.edu/>**

## **Documents Online**

**Title:** *Lavender Letter (Harrisburg, PA)*

**Date:** January 2005

**Location:** LGBT-009 Lavender Letter Collection

**Contact:**

LGBT History Project  
Archives & Special Collections  
Waidner-Spahr Library  
Dickinson College  
P.O. Box 1773  
Carlisle, PA 17013

717-245-1399

**[archives@dickinson.edu](mailto:archives@dickinson.edu)**

WEBSITE:  
WWW.LAVENDERLETTER.COM

PO BOX 266  
MECHANICSBURG, PA. 17055

# LAVENDER LETTER

PHONE:  
(717) 232-8382

E-MAIL  
INFO@LAVENDERLETTER.COM

Volume 23 No. 1

A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

January, 2005

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

### Activities....

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 2005

Mummers Parade in Philly! Football! Great food! A new year! New resolutions! May you all have a happy and healthy 2005!!

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 DGEM OLDIES REUNION

9 PM...Come out for your favorite oldies music at the PINK LIZARD! The DGEM Oldies Reunion means a good time for all. See you there!

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Season premiere of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy's third season on Bravo channel. Check your local cable listings for time. The Fab 5 returns!

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Something new! Season premiere of Queer Eye for the Straight Girl on Bravo channel. This show features three gay men and a lesbian giving make-better advice to women. Check your local cable listings for time.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

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.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

A day of remembrance for this great man, who was so tragically taken from us in the prime of his life.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

7 PM...GLBT Movie Night at the Unitarian Universalist Church of York, 925 South George St., York. They will be showing "Twilight of the Golds" in their Carriage House. Please call (717) 845-8212 if you need more info.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5 PM...Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania potluck in the Dover area. Please bring a dish to share with others and banish the January blahs with good conversation with other women. Call (717) 292-5998 for directions.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out meets for good food and good conversation. Singles and couples are welcome! Please call Judy at (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Thursday, January 27, 2005 to RSVP.

### Upcoming Events....

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 PM...Alternative Adventures, the new lesbian camping club, has their 1st Annual Meeting and Potluck. We will be planning camping trips for the upcoming camping season. The club welcomes couples and singles. Do you have a favorite camping spot? Bring your suggestion along to our meeting. We want to have at least 1 family (kids welcome) camping trip, and 1 or 2 camping trips with our canine kids. The rest of our trips will be adults only. Please bring along a dish to share with others. For more info please e-mail: info@altad.org.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:30 PM...Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania will have a dine-out potluck. They will be meeting at Isaac's near Borders in York. Please call (717) 755-3643 to register your attendance so we can let Isaac's know how many to expect.

## PINK LIZARD

### JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE LIZARD

MINI POOL TOURNAMENTS, NO CHARGE!

WINNER TAKES HOME A POOL STICK

EVERY THURSDAY TRIVIA / BISCUITS BINGO

STARTS AT 8:30PM

NO CHARGE, GIVEAWAYS & PRIZES

EVERY TIME YOU COME IN ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY YOU

WILL RECEIVE A ENTRY FORM TO WIN A 27" FLAT SCREEN T.V.

DRAWING WILL BE THURSDAY FEB.3RD 9:45PM

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

SAT., JANUARY 1ST. DOORS OPEN 7PM.

FRI., JANUARY 7, 9PM DGEM OLDIES REUNION

COME OUT FOR YOUR FAVORITE OLDIES MUSIC

FRI., JANUARY 14, 9PM SWINGERS, MEET & GREET

FRI., JANUARY 21, 10:30 MISS GAY AMERICA

ALONG WITH INGENUE, MIKE TINDELL, AND YOUR LIZARDETTES

FRI., JANUARY 28, DJ STARTS 9PM. NO COVER

FREE POOL TABLES TIL 11PM

PINKLIZARD891@AOL.COM

717-939-1123

## 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.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@uuclonline.org](mailto:Churchoffice@uuclonline.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: [PastorDebbieCoggin](mailto:PastorDebbieCoggin), [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)**.

## Inspiring Quotes....

I have found that if you love life,  
life will love you back.

- Arthur Rubenstein  
Great Pianist  
b. 1887, d. 1982

### REBECCA A. GILLELAN, M.S.

LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST

4701 Devonshire Road, Suite 101  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109

Telephone: (717) 657-5248

### Are you protected?

- \* Partner to Partner Asset Protection
- \* Long Term Care for Partners
- \* Estate Planning for Your Future Together

Personalized Confidential Consultation

Julee Hafner Heft, CSA

Care Specialist

(717) 812-8333

### CAPITAL REGION STONEWALL DEMOCRATS

We are a new group, founded in September 2004 by activists who wanted to build LGBT power and involvement in the Democratic Party.

Our goals are the same as the National Stonewall Democrats, and those goals are:

- \* 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

January 2005

### 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. 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 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 comfourt 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: [howlopa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:howlopa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### JACK GAUGHEN REALTOR®

Marsha Wood  
REALTOR®

101 Old Schoolhouse Lane  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
(717) 697-4673 Ext. 124 Office  
(717) 697-0822 Fax  
(717) 903-4537 Cell  
E-mail: [marsha.wood@jgr.com](mailto:marsha.wood@jgr.com)  
Website: [www.jgr.com](http://www.jgr.com)  
Website: [www.marshawood.com](http://www.marshawood.com)



Owned And Operated by NRT Incorporated



# Theatre....

## FULTON THEATRE THE LION IN WINTER

**JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 13, 2005**

A comedy by James Goldman. Directed by Michael D. Mitchell. If you think families are dysfunctional today, take a look at this 12th century royal rendition! Imprisoned by her husband for leading a revolt against him, the queen has come home for the holidays, and the results are hysterical. Katherine Hepburn and Peter O'Toole opened the door to this crazy family in the screen adaptation. Come enjoy the battle of wits live on stage at the Fulton! The Fulton Theatre is located at 12 N. Prince St. in downtown Lancaster. Ticket prices are \$15 - \$39 per person. For more info, please visit the Fulton online at: [www.atthefulton.org](http://www.atthefulton.org), or call: (717) 397-7425.

## THEATRE OF THE SEVENTH SISTER

### WINTER DANCE FESTIVAL 2005 JANUARY 7, 8 & 9, 2005

Come see our 11th annual Winter Dance festival! Don't miss this opportunity to see the work of outstanding area choreographers and dancers. This exuberant event is guaranteed to lift your spirits!

### THREE HOTELS JANUARY 20 - 30, 2005

This award-winning play by Jon Robin Baitz, is set in a series of three hotels, and unfolds as a series of monologues by a disillusioned corporate executive and his emotionally shattered wife. Kenneth Hoyle, a former Peace Corp volunteer and 1960's idealist now makes his living selling defective baby formula in third world markets. As the play evolves, Hoyle is forced to confront his own duplicity and recognize the consequences when one abandons responsibility to self, family, community, country and to the very planet.

For more info on these two events at Seventh Sister, please call: (717) 396-7764, or visit them at: [www.seventhsister.com](http://www.seventhsister.com).

## EPHRATA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER THE NUTCRACKER JANUARY 8 & 9, 2005

EPAC hosts a Laurel Ballet Company production. January 8, 2 PM & 7 PM; January 9, 2 PM. Adults \$15, Children 3 - 11 \$10. For tickets and info, please call (717) 733-7966.

## STRAND CAPITOL THEATRE THE PHILLY SOUNDS SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2005

**7:30 PM...**Eddie Holman, known for his top-selling Hey There, Lonely Girl; together with Major Harris and Pat Palmer of the Delphonics, pay tribute to the City of Music, Philadelphia, with this sentimental walk down "Oldies Lane". Tickets are \$29 per person, please call (717) 846-1111, or visit them at: [www.strandcapitol.com](http://www.strandcapitol.com).

## OPEN STAGE YELLOWMAN

**FEBRUARY 4 - 27, 2005**

This play is by Dale Orlandersmith. Two star-crossed lovers cling to each other passionately and provocatively across an unusual racial divide.

Curtain Time: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM. Single ticket prices are \$22.00. Senior Citizen (60 yrs. & older) and Student \$18.00. For more info and tickets, please call (717) 214-ARTS (2787), or at: [www.openstagehbg.com](http://www.openstagehbg.com).

## OYSTER MILL PLAYHOUSE AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER AT THE VICARAGE

**JANUARY 21ST - FEBRUARY 6TH, 2005**

Agatha Christie's immortal spinster sleuth, Miss Marple, comes to grips with a compelling murder mystery in the sleepy village of St. Mary Mead. There, under a seemingly peaceful exterior of an English country village, lurks intrigue, guilt, deception and murder. Everyone has a motive for wanting Colonel Protheroe dead. It is up to Miss Marple to decipher the anonymous letters and bogus phone calls to find the murderer. MURDER AT THE VICARAGE is Miss Marple's first appearance in an Agatha Christie mystery. Single ticket prices are \$12.00. For more information please call (717) 737-6768, or visit them at: [www.oystermill.com](http://www.oystermill.com).

## LITTLE THEATRE OF MECHANICSBURG THREE VIEWINGS

**JANUARY 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23**

This is a comic drama by Jeffrey Hatcher, and directed by Erica Carl. In three comic/dramatic monologues set in a mid-western funeral parlor, three "beautifully spun tales" uniquely interweave to portray the deceased and the bereaved. The lengths to which survivors go to hold on to memories, money, life and love conclude in a surprising and therapeutic ending. Single tickets are \$10. For more info and tickets, please call (717) 766-0535, or visit them at: [www.ltmonline.net](http://www.ltmonline.net).

## FYI...

...Something new at [WWW.FOREVERBOOKS.BIZ](http://WWW.FOREVERBOOKS.BIZ) !  
Check out the new message forum on their website. Click on Features on the left menu and scroll down to Message Forum and click. There a quite a few categories that you can post to. For example....there is a Coming Out Story category. Share your story with others. This is a great addition to our community!

...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!

...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!

...Changes in the Lavender Letter and it's 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.

# CENTERPIECE TWO....

## NEW ADVERTISERS

The Lavender Letter would like to welcome the following new advertisers:

### YOUR DU BEAUTY SUPPLY

145 N. Front St. Steelton, PA.  
(717) 939-9570

### Bordley Counseling Services

Mirin Professional Building  
2515 North Front St. Harrisburg, PA.  
(717) 901-9696

### MetLife Insurance Company

4550 Lena Dr. Suite #101  
Mechanicsburg, PA.

MetLife does recognize same-sex relationships. Shannon and Justin will be doing seminars throughout the year in the Central PA region. The Lavender Letter will be at these seminars too. Personally, I want to learn what they can do for me. How about you?

## FAB 2004....

Saturday, November 20, 2004, was the 9th Annual FAB fundraiser. FAB is the Fall Achievement Benefit, for those that do not know what that is. This year's honorees were:

### YEA! (YOUTH EXCELLENCE IN ACTIVISM) AWARD

#### DAVID REINBOLD

David is 18, and a high school senior from Northern Lebanon High School. He has been actively involved in school activities, and also activities outside of school. He takes an active role in Common Roads, the LGBT youth group. Through Common Roads, David has had the opportunity to speak to many educators in Central PA, giving a face and voice to gay students throughout the state. He started working for GLSEN this past year as a student organizer.

He has also worked for the University of Pittsburgh's HIV Prevention Initiative as a HIV Roundtable member. David was also featured in the award-winning documentary, Jim In Bold, the true life story of a gay teen growing up in rural Pennsylvania who was subjected to homophobia and discrimination on a daily basis.

Congratulations go out to David!

### WOMEN'S HONOREES

#### WOMEN'S CIRCLE FOUNDERS BOBBI CARMITCHELL, AMY SKILLMAN, AND AMY SHESTACK

The Women's Circle creates a sense of community so needed in every lesbian....in everyone's life. The three founding women created programs and events that give lesbians a sense of community as well as the confidence and resources that nurture their well-being. The Women's Circle has also been working with Common Roads to create a mentoring program for young lesbians in need of role models, inspiration, or just a good ear for listening. To learn more about the Women's Circle and to join their mailing list, please go to: [www.womenscircle.org](http://www.womenscircle.org).

Congratulations to these three terrific women!

## FAB 2004 Cont'd....

### MEN'S HONOREE

#### RUSS MUELLER

Russ is the pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church on State St. in Harrisburg. Russ has been a friend to the LGBTQ community in Harrisburg for a long time. BiGiyah, later to become Common Roads had its start there. Russ became active in the group's weekly meetings. He was an oddity for some of the youth, a pastor who supported rather than condemned them. He has been seen often at LGBT rallies and has participated with SPARC. He was willing to attend events to learn. He helped staff the church's table at PrideFest, which sought to help people find religious organizations that were gay-friendly. Russ has continued as a facilitator with Common Roads and serves on the Board of Common Roads.

St. Mike's has been regarded as "gay friendly" for over two decades. Russ supported the leaders as they led the congregation to adopt a statement of welcome. Part of the statement specifically welcomed all who were LGBT. It became obvious that the congregation was, in fact, a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation (an organization of Lutheran churches that were assertive in their support of the LGBT community.) St. Mike's formally joined and is the only (RIC) Lutheran congregation in 50 miles. His candor and his actions have encouraged other pastors and leaders to seek him out as they strive to grow in this matter.

Congratulations to Russ Mueller!

Anna has taken  
control of her life.  
As a lesbian, she has  
taken a major step  
toward protecting the  
future that she wants.



### If you could do the same, would you?

Working with her financial professional, Anna was able to:

- Ensure that she remains financially secure;
- Potentially reduce the amount of taxes she pays;
- Pay for medical needs, without depleting her savings, should she become ill;
- Retain control over her decisions, even if she becomes incapacitated.

As a lesbian financial professional, I understand the unique concerns facing gay men and lesbians. We will assess your present situation, explore your future goals, and develop a financial strategy that can help you get to where you want to be.

To set up a free consultation and to find out how I can help you achieve your dreams, please give me a call for more information.

\*Consult your professional tax advisor before making any decisions.

Shannon Shupp, LUTCF, CLTC

Agency Sales Director

4550 Lena Dr S 101

Mech. PA. 17055

(800) 842-3357

Ext 2906

have you met life today?®

**MetLife**

MetLife Securities, Inc., Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
both of One Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010  
0306-2809 LD307BSKY(0706)ENT-LD



Planned Parenthood®  
of the Susquehanna Valley

*presents an exclusive showing of the movie*

# VERA DRAKE

*"Vera Drake is not so much pro or anti-abortion as it is opposed to laws which do little to eliminate abortion but much to make it dangerous for poor people. No matter what the law says, then or now, in England or America, if you can afford a plane ticket and the medical bill you will always be able to obtain a competent abortion, so laws essentially make it illegal to be poor and seek an abortion." - Roger Ebert*

*Saturday, January 8, 2005*

*at the Mid-Town Cinema*

*250 Reily Street, Harrisburg*

The movie will be presented at 11:45 A.M. with an introduction by David Kranz, Professor of English and Film Studies at Dickinson College.

Doors open at 11:00 A.M. Please join us and browse the tables stocked with everything from refreshments, merchandise and literature!

**\$15 Movie Reservation** (*seating limited to 140*)

*or*

**\$40 Movie Reservation & "Tea"** at the Auchincloss home, 919 Green Street, Harrisburg, following the movie from 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

*(attendance limited to 25)*

***Make Your Reservations Today by Calling  
Stephanie at 717-234-2479 ext. 116.***



## LAW OFFICE OF DEREK J. CORDIER

Wills and Estates - Family Law - Bankruptcy

319 South Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104-1621  
Phone 717.919.4002

[www.derekjcordier.com](http://www.derekjcordier.com)

No time to walk the dog or feed the cat?  
Wondering what to do with your best friend while you're at  
work or away on vacation?

CALL

### Your Visiting Pet Nanny

Diane Senft

717-880-8802

[PetNanny@nfdc.net](mailto:PetNanny@nfdc.net)



Reliable In-home Pet Care at Reasonable Prices

BONDED and INSURED

Member, PSI (Pet Sitters International)

*Proudly Serving the York Area*

## Frog Hollow

Canadensis, Pennsylvania

"A 1920's cottage nestled  
deep in a Pocono Mountain hollow"

Ski, swim, golf, fish, boat, horseback ride, & hiking nearby.

Rent weekends & weekly  
[jegg@sunlink.net](mailto:jegg@sunlink.net)



Hosts:  
Joan & Judy

570.595.2814

STATE FARM  
INSURANCE COMPANIES  
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS



BECKY SMITH, LUTCF

Agent

321 Buford Avenue  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

717.338.2083 • fax: 717.334.7928



CYBERINFINITY  
DESIGN

## CYBERINFINITY

Web Design & Development  
Custom Programming  
Database Development

Beth Shupp-George

717-262-4328

[www.CyberInfinityDesign.com](http://www.CyberInfinityDesign.com)  
[info@CyberInfinityDesign.com](mailto:info@CyberInfinityDesign.com)

Katherine Bordley, LCSW  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

### Bordley Counseling Services

Miner Professional Building  
2515 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-901-9696  
Fax: 717-901-9899  
[kbordley@hotmail.com](mailto:kbordley@hotmail.com)

### Wigs, Hairpieces, Ponytails, Accessories and More

A variety of wigs to satisfy you.  
Sassy show off short! Conventionally Medium!  
Suave long! Goddess! Dival!  
Average wig cost \$28.99  
Still not satisfied? Host a wig party!

### YOUR DU BEAUTY SUPPLY

145 N. Front St. Steelton, PA. 939-9570  
[Yourdu@aol.com](mailto:Yourdu@aol.com)



## Website of the Month:

[www.OLIVIA.COM](http://www.olivia.com)

Olivia Cruises and Resorts! We've all heard about their wonderful cruise vacations. Some of you have been on an Olivia cruise already. For those that haven't and feel they can't afford it, Olivia now has unique payment plans that are interest-free so you can afford to go on the vacation cruise of your dreams. Check it out!



### Blueberry Ridge (570) 629-5036

P. McCarrick, RR 1 Box 67  
Scotrun, PA 18355

*For that "Warm  
Dampened Feeling in  
the Poconos"*

Beautiful, secluded guest house with a view. Includes outdoor hot tub, VCR in every room. Breakfast included. Located near Camelback Ski Area.



### Stoney Ridge (570) 629-5036

P. McCarrick, RR 1 Box 67  
Scotrun, PA 18355

*For that "Warm  
Country Feeling in  
the Poconos"*

Beautiful, secluded, cedar log home completely furnished with all the modern conveniences. Located to nearby skiing, canoeing, hiking, antiquing and fine dining.

20 Charming Rooms  
Peace & Privacy

*A LESBIAN PARADISE*

## The Highlands Inn

P.O. Box 118  
Bethlehem, NH 03574  
(603) 869-3978  
1-877-LES-B-INN (537-2466)

100 Acres • Pool  
Hot Tub • Trails

[www.highlandsinn-nh.com](http://www.highlandsinn-nh.com)  
[vacation@highlandsinn-nh.com](mailto:vacation@highlandsinn-nh.com)

## Health Spotlight....

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Everybody makes New Year's Resolutions. Have you kept with them for a whole year? Chances are, you probably haven't. Don't worry, most of us haven't either, so you have LOTS of company.

The problem with trying to stick with our resolutions comes down to....did we make REALISTIC resolutions? We all need to make them easy, and take it in baby steps. Ok, you say you want to exercise more. Don't join that gym just yet. Start out by doing some simple exercises at home first, then add walking, and then later you can join that gym if you feel that you will stick with it.

Want to quit smoking? Check with your doctor first. Your doctor will probably know which of those smoking cessation patches and programs works best. Maybe hypnosis interests you, check with a therapist who is knowledgeable in that area.

Thinking about losing weight? Again, check with your doctor, he/she will know which programs work best. We have seen in 2004 that the Atkins Diet has come under fire, and for a lot of people the South Beach Diet is not really realistic. The really proven programs have been Weight Watchers, LA Weight Loss, and one or two others. Do not rule out a Diabetic's Diet, even if you do not have diabetes. That is a good diet to follow, you will lose weight. And besides, did you know that obesity can lead to diabetes? For some women, their only option may be the gastric bypass surgery. I have 3 friends who have had this surgery. It's no picnic, but it will work for them. One had hers done in May, she has lost 96 lbs. since then. Another had hers done in October, and she has lost 40 lbs. so far. My third friend just had hers done in early December, and she is starting to lose a little. The greatest weight loss is in the first 6 months after surgery. This is not for everyone. There are risks, so talk to your doctor.

In conclusion, please make REALISTIC resolutions, and start small.

## Advertising Rates

Business Card Size 2" x 3 1/2"	Double Card Size 4" x 3 1/2"
One Month ... \$ 20.00	One Month ... \$ 40.00
Six Months ... \$ 110.00	Six Months ... \$ 220.00
One Year ..... \$ 200.00	One Year ..... \$ 400.00

### Other Services:

Personal Ad (5 Lines)....\$5.00 Insert (1/3 page)....\$50.00

Events & News....Free

Information must be received by the 20th of each month.

Copyright 2005, Lavender Letter, PO Box 266, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. (717) 232-8382. Contents may not be reproduced unless authorized in writing by the Editor. We reserve the right to edit/reject any submissions. Sorry, personal and dating ads will not be accepted. Calls will be returned in the evening or on weekends. If your call is not returned, please call again as there may be a voicemail problem.

## Subscribe...

Rates:  \$17<sup>00</sup>/year or  \$30<sup>00</sup>/2 years

Donations:  \$10<sup>00</sup>  \$25<sup>00</sup>  \$50<sup>00</sup>  \$100<sup>00</sup>

Lavender Letter

P.O. BOX 266

MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055

WEBSITE: [WWW.LAVENDERLETTER.COM](http://WWW.LAVENDERLETTER.COM)

E-MAIL: [INFO@LAVENDERLETTER.COM](mailto:INFO@LAVENDERLETTER.COM)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_