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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

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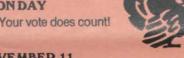
Activities

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 PM...Lancaster Ladies Night Out will be going to Symposium, S. Centerville Rd. Lancaster for dinner. Please call Terri with your reservation at (717) 393-3833, or e-mail: Et540@aol.com by Thursday, November 3. Singles, couples and newcomers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION DAY

Please get out and vote! Your vote does count!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY

Please remember our veterans and the sacrifices they made for us.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9 - Midnight...Bobbi Carmitchell and her sister Anne will be appearing at the Pink Lizard on Eisenhower Blvd. Hbg. Admission is \$5 at the door.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7 - 9 PM...Janie Womack will be appearing at the Coffee Lovers' Cafe, 4141 Linglestown Rd., Hbg. (in the Sports City Complex next to Quiznos)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 CONCERT BY THE CENTRAL PA WOMYN'S CHORUS ALL THAT JAZZ

8 PM...At the Colonial Park United Church of Christ, 5000 Devonshire Rd. Colonial Park, Harrisburg. Tickets are \$15, Seniors 65 & over & Students \$5. For more info call (717) 234-4825 or email info@cpwchorus.org. Please visit their website: www.cpwchorus.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:30 AM...The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA will be meeting for Brunch in the Cafe at Borders off Mt. Zion Rd., York (across from Galleria Mall). As always, Peg will be wearing her black beret.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

THE ANNE L. BILLMYER MEMORIAL CONCERT

7:30 PM...At The Forum in Harrisburg, 5th and Walnut Sts. Featuring the music of Wind and Wood and celebrating 20 years of music! Bobbi Carmitchell and Deenie Hamacher on stage together!! With special guests Anne Carmitchell, Robin Chambers and Friends. For ticket info please call Bobbi at (717) 872-4512, or e-mail: stargazer3592@aol.com. Admission is \$20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Trevor Project, a suicide prevention organization.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THANKSGIVING DAY

Food! Family! Fun! Football! More Food! More Football! Antacid tablets!

Upcoming Events....

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out goes to Isaac's in Lemoyne. This is our 5th year of Isaac's after Thanksgiving. Who wants a big meal after Turkey Day? Join us for sandwiches and fun in the private room there. Please call Judy at (717) 691-7533, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Friday, November 25. As always, singles, couples and newcomers are welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 BOBBI CARMITCHELL PRESENTS....

THE 15TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

At The Timbers inMount Gretna. Full Course Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Brass Music, and music by Bobbi Carmitchell and Friends. A "Family" tradition for 15 years! Doors open at 3 PM. Dinner served at 4 PM. Advance tickets only! Tickets are \$27 per person. Send for tickets to Bobbi Carmitchell, PO Box 8301, Lancaster, PA. 17603.



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Please call, e-mail or visit the Lizard

To find out what the events are for this month.







Spirituality....

WORSHIP SERVICES

...Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, UUG holds weekly Sunday services at 3 PM at Trinity UCC, corner of S. Stratton & E. High Sts., Gettysburg, PA. Religious education for our young people is a top priority. Nursery care. Everyone welcome. For more information, 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.

...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 Website: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.

...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.

...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@uchuua.org. Website:

www.uchuua.org.

...Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Of Pottstown, Sunday services 10 am. 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown, PA19465.(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....

If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down, but the staying down.

- Mary Pickford
Famous Actress (1892 - 1979)

Fundraisers....

...Common Roads....show your Pride and Support by ordering a lavender EQUALITY wristband. All proceeds benefit Common Roads, our Central PA LGBT youth group.

To purchase your wristband, contact Common Roads by e-mailing luci@commonroads.org, or send a check payable to Common Roads for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 S&H for each wristband to: Common Roads - 1300-A Third St. Harrisburg,PA 17102. Write on a piece of paper how many wristbands you would like, and your name and address.

Wearing an EQUALITY wristband shows your support of our equal rights and supports LGBT youth who are the future leaders of our community.

Forever Books....



Saturday, November 12 @ 6 PM......Wine Tasting Party Party is limited to 20 participants - you must sign up to attend.

This Party's Theme: Spanish Wines Bring a bottle of the Party Theme Wine!

Share the wine tasting experience with old and new friends! Member cover charge is \$3 per person. Non-member cover charge is \$5 per person.

To sign up, please go to: www.foreverbooks.biz and click on Wine Tasting Party, or call the bookstore.

The store is located at: 41 Front St., Steelton, PA.
Hours: Wednesday - Friday 3 - 8 PM
Saturday - Noon till 8 PM
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Please support your local LGBT bookstore!

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...Unity Church, 37 East Main St., Palmyra, PA. 17078 Sunday services at 10:30 AM. Phone: (717) 838-7808, or e-mail:untiyofhershey@cs.com. Dial-A-Prayer (717) 520-9710, changed daily by Pastor Julie Vance. Based on positive, practical Christianity, Unity Church's purpose is to know and express God's peace, joy and love. We have frequent class offerings, guest musicians and special events, in addition to weekly worship services. We welcome you. Please visit us: www.unityofhershey.org.

...St. Macrina's United Church of Christ, Lebanon Optimist's Building, 14th & Washington Streets, Lebanon. Sunday services are at 10 AM. We are a progressive worshipping community honoring Rich Traditions, Honest Questions, Shared Experience. Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey, we invite you to St. Macrina's UCC. We are Open and Affirming of all God's people. Our Liturgy includes singing, prayer, conversation, silence, simple dance and Eucharist. Inquiry: (717) 272-7844.

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, 221 North Front St., 3rd Floor, 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. Please call Charles (717) 846-2560, or email: 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.

...Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, the transgendered, and people with HIV or AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is the national progressive organization working for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, with the vision and committment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: www.ngltf.org.

Social Groups...

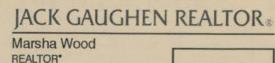
...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus brings together a diverse group of women, united by the joy of singing to celebrate and empower women and to affirm a positive image of lesbians and feminists. We welcome new singers, board members, volunteers, and contributors. Rehearsals are every Monday night in New Cumberland. For directions and more information, email info@cpwchorus.org, or call (717) 234-4825. Want to know more about us? Visit our website: www.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.

..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: howlofpasubscribe@yahoogroups.com.

...The Women's Circle is a group of lesbians and allied women whose mission is to foster a community in which lesbians are empowered to live to their fullest potential, to create a unified community while offering a safe place to gather and build confidence, skills and connections. Participants include a broad spectrum of women ranging in age and life experience. Activities include our annual retreat and mentoring for the young women at Common Roads. Check us out at: www.womenscircle.org.



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Theatre....

OPEN STAGE OF HARRISBURG STONES IN HIS POCKETS OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 20, 2005

The story concerns two Irishmen, Jake Quinn and Charlie Conlon who are working as extras in a movie being made by a Hollywood studio in County Kerry. They slowly tell the story of the effect this has upon the local community and especially upon the young man Sean Harkin and his family. After the unfortunate suicide of Sean Harkin the studio has to decide between either allowing the extras to attend the funeral or to continue shooting in order to avoid going over budget. Tickets are \$22. For tickets please call The Box at (717) 214-ARTS (2787).

70, GIRLS, 70 NOVEMBER 4 - 20, 2005

From the composers of Chicago, 70, GIRLS, 70, is the musical version of the comedy Breath Of Spring by Peter Coke. In the musical, a group of 70 year olds form a Robin Hood-esque fur-theft ring to liven things up in their seedy Manhattan retirement home. The planning and execution of their "capers" by the jaunty members of the ring, and their inevitable confrontation with the police, are told in witty, often hilarious, dialogue and lively and sometimes nostalgic tunes. 70, GIRLS,70 is sure to entertain both young and old. A "feel-good" musical. Ticket price is \$18. Please call (717) 737-6768 to make your reservations today!

THEATRE HARRISBURG INHERIT THE WIND

NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 10 - 13, 2005

A teacher in a rural American town is arrested for teaching evolution, and the trial galvanizes the community, provoking a media circus. Fresh and compelling as today's headlines, this exciting and thought provoking play remains one of the truly great American dramas of the 20th century. Ticket prices are \$15 - \$29. For ticket reservations please call The Box at (717) 214-ARTS.

THEATRE OF THE SEVENTH SISTER ALL GREEK TO ME NOVEMBER 18 - 20, 2005

A new play by John Rohrkemper encompasses tragedy and comedy in four short plays set in a world in which characters of an ancient Greek drama keep butting into the lives of 21st century characters. Tickets are \$10. Please call (717) 396-7764 for reservations!

EPHRATA PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE NOVEMBER 10 - 13, 16 - 19, 2005

A small musical about the power the theatre has to transform our lives and the capacity each of us has to love one another, A Man Of No Importance is a rare gem. This is the journey of self-discovery and acceptance of Alfie Byrne, a Dublin bus conductor who is also the director of the local community theatre. Alfie's passengers are also his performers: amateur thespians that come to see the magic the theatre offers through Alfie's eyes. They inhabit the world of working-class Dublin in the 1960's, a world where the budding sexual revolution happening inother places is barely whispered about. A Man Of No Importance illuminates the feeling we have all felt at one time or another of being an outsider and our universal need to love and be loved in return, connecting to something larger than ourselves. Tickets are \$20 and available by calling: (717) 733-7966.

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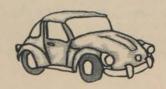
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Road Trip....

November 26 - The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA is sponsoring a road trip to Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata, PA. for great international shopping, and dinner at the Nav Jiwan Tea Room. Nicaraguan cuisine is the theme of the week. A carpool will be leaving from East York at 5:45 PM. If you want to meet the group there, the address is: 240 N. Reading Rd. Ephrata, 17522. (The store/tearoom is about 35 miles from York, on Rt. 272) Reservations are necessary, and have been made for our group, so whether you plan to carpool or meet us there, please call (717) 840-1673 by 11/23 to let Deb or Carol know you are going.



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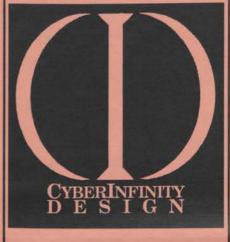
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Website of the Month:

WWW.CHRISTKINDLMARKT.ORG

This is Christkindlmarkt in Bethlehem, PA., a wonderful holiday tradition for the whole family. It runs from November 25 thru December 18, 2005. They have 75 craftsman selling their crafts, authentic German/Austrian food, live music and more!



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Health Spotlight....

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Do your puffy eyes leave you looking tired and aged every morning? Would you believe the cure is as close as your kitchen? Check out these food fixes that will quickly restore your eyes back to the way they should

- * Place a chilled slice of cucumber over each eye and rest for 5 minutes. The cold reduces the puffiness, while the enzymes in the cucumber help draw out excess fluid.
- * Another vegetable cure comes from the potato. Peel and slice thinly, then place a few slices over each eye and relax for 10 minutes. Good bye bags!
- * Fix a couple of cups of hot tea, then squeeze out the tea bags and let them cool. Put the room-temperature tea bags on your eyes for a few minutes and that puffiness will vanish!

These remedies really do work. Try it! Save these remedies for around the holidays when you don't get too much sleep, or you had too much to drink the night before. You'll look a lot better when it comes time to pose for those holiday pictures!



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