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# LAVENDER LETTER

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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

December, 2005

## Activities....

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**WORLD AIDS DAY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

7 - 9 PM...Janie Womack will be appearing at Coyote Joe's Cafe, located at 3401 Hartzdale Dr. Camp Hill. (Across Hartzdale Dr. from Capitol City Mall)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**BOBBI CARMITCHELL PRESENTS....**

**THE 15TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY**

At The Timbers in Mount 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.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8 - 10 PM...It's Janie Womack at The Crimson Frog, 1104 Carlisle St. Camp Hill. (In the Cedar Cliff Mall, across the parking lot from Gullifty's)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

4 - 6 PM...The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA is having a Holiday Wine & Cheese in York. Bring your favorite cheese and crackers. Wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please call (717) 846-2089 by December 15 with your attendance plans.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**FIRST DAY OF WINTER**

**DECEMBER 23 - 26**

**CHRISTMAS IN THE CATSKILLS**

Kireston and Jennifer from Harrisburg have rented a renovated barn in the Catskills for Christmas. If you're 21 and over you are welcome to join them. Women who don't have children or family in the area have expressed interest in doing this over Christmas. You can check out the barn and the area by visiting this website: [www.thegoldenguernsey.com](http://www.thegoldenguernsey.com). If you are interested, please contact them at: (717) 350-4338, or by e-mail at: [gigis\\_gyrl@yahoo.com](mailto:gigis_gyrl@yahoo.com).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Happy Holidays to you and yours from the Lavender Letter!



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

IT'S PARTY TIME!! RING IN THE NEW YEAR! WOO HOO!!

Please drink responsibly AND please, please do not drink and drive. Assign someone in your group to be a designated driver, or call a taxi. We all want to see you around next year.

## Upcoming Events....

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Hangovers! Headaches! Food! Football! Fun!



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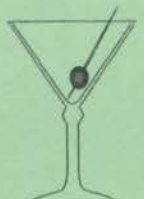
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**DECEMBER EVENTS**

Please call, e-mail or visit the Lizard  
To find out what the events are for this month.



Happy  
Holidays!



## 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](http://www.uugettysburg.org).

...MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events. Website: [www.mccofthespirit.org](http://www.mccofthespirit.org).

...Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007.

...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, 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](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....

Courage is contagious. When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened.

- Billy Graham

## 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](mailto: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....

### \* Physical Store Closing \*

Please be advised that Forever Books' physical store location will be closing sometime in January 2006. We will be restructuring the business to be Internet based, so our website will remain operational.

From now until we close, we will be having a 50% off sale every Saturday. (Sale is for in-store purchases only, excludes consignment items, and is not valid with any other offers.) Don't miss out on these incredible savings!!

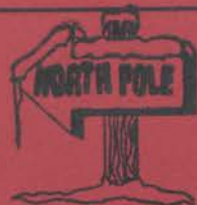
Why are we closing? With the exception of a very small group of individuals, the Harrisburg, PA LGBT community has indicated by their lack of support that they are not interested in having a LGBT bookstore.

We considered that a new location might improve things, however, a new location would, at minimum, double our operating expenses. Even if the community patronized our new location, based on the lack of support we have seen for our efforts at our current location, it was too much of a gamble to hope that the community would miraculously turn around and support a new location.

Best Regards, Forever Books, Inc.

...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](mailto: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](http://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.



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# CENTER PIECE



December, 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 [catholicslesbians.org](http://catholicslesbians.org). For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail [cathiesRU12@aol.com](mailto:cathiesRU12@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, 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](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 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](mailto:info@cpwchorus.org), or call (717) 234-4825. Want to know more about us? Visit our website: [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.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.

...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@yahoo.com](mailto:howlofpa-subscribe@yahoo.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](http://www.womenscircle.org).



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## Theatre....



### OPEN STAGE HARRISBURG A CHRISTMAS CAROL DECEMBER 21 - 23

Our perennial holiday presentation will be transferred to the Sunoco Theatre at Whitaker Center. We will remount the play for the large proscenium stage. A Christmas Carol will take on a fresh new look with the delightfully charming set and puppet design by Adriane Agnew of Denmark. Tickets are \$22, Seniors & Students \$18, Children 12 and under \$12.

For tickets please call (717) 214-ARTS (2787), or purchase online at: [www.whitakercenter.org](http://www.whitakercenter.org).

### LITTLE THEATRE OF MECHANICSBURG A.N.G.E.L.S INC.

DECEMBER 9, 10, 16, 17

This is a comical look at what might have been happening behind the scenes in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day, and it's definitely NOT your average Dickens' "Christmas Carol." A production team of angels works feverishly to produce and set up coverage of the perfect birth lit for a King, but instead they hit one disappointing snag after another. Come on....who ever heard of being born in a stable?! Pu - leeeeeeze! Audiences will enjoy this unique version of a special Baby's birth and remember the true meaning of Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (717) 766-0535.

## Christmas List....

It's time for my annual list of ideas for you, in case you need some help. Let's go.....

- 1.) Lavender Letter subscription, see back page of Letter.
- 2.) Gifts from Forever Books in Steelton.
- 3.) Beautiful lesbian fine art photographs from our own Deb Swanger: [www.deborahswanger.com](http://www.deborahswanger.com).
- 4.) Art and stuff from the Framing Concept, 328 N. Queen St. Lancaster - [www.theframingconcept.com](http://www.theframingconcept.com).
- 5.) Lizard wear from the Pink Lizard - t-shirts and more!
- 6.) Gay and lesbian fine art photography from Harrisburg's own [www.bridgesgallery.com](http://www.bridgesgallery.com).
- 7.) Tickets and a hotel reservation to see Betty in Washington DC.
- 8.) Gift certificates from Isaac's Deli - mmm,mmm, good!
- 9.) Membership to Alternative Adventures, the local womyn's camping group - [www.altad.org](http://www.altad.org).
- 10.) The Damron Women's Traveller for 2006. This is a great travel guide! Go to [www.lavenderletter.com](http://www.lavenderletter.com), click on links and you'll see the image for Damron, click on the image and you're at Damron.
- 11.) Reservation for 2 at Frog Hollow in the Poconos for the 2 of you. See page 3 of the Letter.
- 12.) Reservation for the 2 of you at Stoney Ridge/Blueberry Ridge, also in the Poconos. See page 4 of the Letter.
- 13.) Subscription to the Advocate - [www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com)
- 14.) Subscription to Curve Magazine - [www.curvemag.com](http://www.curvemag.com)
- 15.) Subscription to Girlfriends Magazine - [www.girlfriendsmag.com](http://www.girlfriendsmag.com)
- 16.) Subscription to On Our Backs - [www.onourbacksmag.com](http://www.onourbacksmag.com)
- 17.) Tickets to Pink Lizard's New Year's Eve Bash. See ad page 1 of Letter for phone number or stop by the Lizard to purchase your tickets.

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:

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- Pay for medical needs, without depleting her savings, should she become ill;
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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.

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## BETTY....

The all girl band that performs the theme song to the L Word will be playing in Washington DC for 6 weeks beginning December 21 and ending January 29, 2006. They have also made guest appearances on the L Word. This band rocks!!

They will be appearing at Theatre J in Washington DC. Tickets range in price from \$32 - \$39. Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.boxofficetickets.com](http://www.boxofficetickets.com). Check your calendars and make plans to see these rocking women!

You can learn more about Betty at: [www.hellobetty.com](http://www.hellobetty.com).

## L Word....

Season 3 is billed as the most dramatic season yet! Showtime has not released a date yet for the start of the season, but it will probably be the end of January or the beginning of February.

For more of the L Word and a sneak peak at an episode from the new season, please go to: <http://www.sho.com/site/lword/home.do>.

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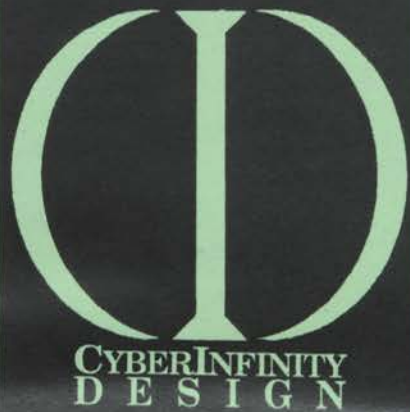
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