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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

June, 2006

Activities....

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8 - 10 PM...It's Janie Womack appearing at St. Thomas Roasters, 5951 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg. Join Janie for an evening of song and St. Thomas specialties. (717) 526-4171.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

TROPICANZA EXTRAVAGANZA

3 - 7 PM...Common Roads will hold their Second Annual Tropicanza at the What If Cafe in Harrisburg. Things will be shaking inside the What If Cafe and outdoors in our Tropicanza tentcity. Attendees are encouraged to waer their favorite Hawaiin shirt, grass skirt or other wild and crazy tropical attire.

The event will feature live entertainment, fantastic food and tropical libations. Silent Auction items include a week at a private island in Key West, golf outing, a scuba diving package, date night for 2 with dinner and entertainment, a martini basket, a Godiva chocolate basket, a gourmet food basket and much more.

For more information e-mail: lstone@campbetty.com or call: (717) 873-6880. Don't delay...Attendanceis limited!

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

11 AM & 7 PM...The movie "Serving In Silence" and Conference Call with Colonel Margarethe (Grethe) Cammermyer after the movie. This event is sponsored by the Franklin County Democrats, and will be held at their headquarters at 85 N. Main St. in Chambersburg, PA. This event is open to the public and FREE. As many of you will remember, Col. Cammermeyer is the highest ranking military officer to have ever been discharged from the US military for being gay. She repsonded by suing the US Army and won her case; the Army was required to re-instate her. Her autobiography, "Serving In Silence" was the basis of a 1995 made-for-tv movie of the same title, starring Glenn Close as Col. Cammermeyer and Judy Davis as her partner, Diane Divelbess. Both actresses won Emmys for their roles in this inspiring story. Each screening will be followed by a conference call with Col. Cammermeyer, during which she will answer questions from the audience and a raffle for an autographed copy of her book, with proceeds to go to the Franklin County Dems. (\$1 per chance) Learn about Col. Cammermeyer www.Cammermeyer.com Please RSVP to Beth Shupp-George at volunteer@franklincountydems.org or (717) 262-4328 by Sunday, June 18.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 SUMMER SOLSTICE

This is the first day of Summer and the longest day of the year.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 - 9 PM...American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event and Janie Womack will be appearing here with percussionist Renee Bartholomew and bass player Pat George. For more details e-mail: inthewoodsjw@verizon.net.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

12 Noon...That dynamic duo, Kate and CJ will be appearing poolside at Outdoor World Circle M Ranch, 2111 Millersville Rd, Lancaster. For more info: (717) 872-4651. www.kateandoj.com

WOMYN'S NIGHT OUTS

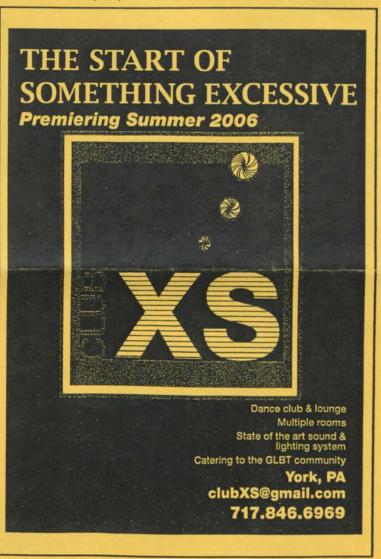
Chambersburg - Friday, June 9 at 7 PM...Join us on the deck at Dilly's (642 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg). Please RSVP to Beth by Wednesday, June 7. Email: bshuppgeorge@hotmail.com

Harrisburg - Saturday, June 24 at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Judy by Thursday, June 22. E-mail: info@lavenderletter.com OR (717) 691-7533.

York - Friday, June 30 at 7 PM. Please contact Jen at (717) 515-6284 or starshin1971@hotmail.com by Monday, June 26 for details if interested. We will not be meeting in July or August and will meet again in September.

Lancaster - Ours is always the first Friday each month. Please call Terri at: (717) 393-3833 OR email: ET540@aol.com to find out where they will be going to eat.

As always, all of our Womyn's Night Outs welcomes singles and couples AND newcomers. This is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.



Spirituality....

WORSHIP SERVICES

...Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, UUG holds weekly Sunday services at 10:30 AM at 136 South Stratton St., Gettysburg, PA. Religious education for our young people is a top priority. Nursery care. Everyone welcome. For more information, call (717) 334-2920, 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 9:15 & 11 am. 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA. (717) 564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". We have a Freedom To Marry Lay Led Ministry that advocates for same-sex marriage and domestic partner benefits. 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....

Life is like a ten-speed bike.

Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles M. Schultz Cartoonist (1922 - 2000)

Common Roads....

Serves the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Youth in Central Pennsylvania. We support and enhance the physical and emotional well-being of our youth (ages 14 - 22).

This great organization is a truly great resource in our community. When most of us were growing up, we had no such support system, safe space, or caring people who were willing to help us. Please help support this worthy organization and the youth it serves. Learn how by going to their website: www.commonroads.org.

LGBT WORKSHOP AT MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

"ISSUES IN TEACHING YOUTH EXPLORING GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING IDENTITY"

JUNE 12 - 16, 2006

8 AM - 4:30 PM

Did you know that gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender and questioning youth are more at risk in our schools than their straight peers?

They are 3 times more likely to attempt suicide - It is estimated that they account for 30% of all youth suicides - They are rejected by their families more than a quarter of the time - The majority report that they are subjected to harassment by their peers verbally and physically.

Students are clarifying their sexual/affectional orientation earlier and earlier. They are doing it while negotiating a school culture that is usually hostile to students who identify as LGBTQ. In this workshop educators will acquire background information, knowledge of current laws and policies and recommended practices for helping LGBTQ as learners within this context.

For more information please contact: Dr. Nancy Smith (717) 872-2126 or e-mail: Nancy.smith@millersville.edu.

...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.

PrideFest....

Central Pennsylvania PrideFest is Saturday, July 29, 2006, Noon till 7 PM, at South Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. Admission is \$7 pp. To learn more about this amazing festival, please visit: www.harrisburgpride.org.

PrideFest Unity Parade 2006 - This is a first for Central PA! The parade starts at 10 AM. The Parade route starts at Front & North Sts. and ends at Front & Vine Sts. This route is 8 - 10 blocks long. For more info: www.centralpagayprideparade.org.

Buy a Rainbow Campaign - Most of you know this is an annual event held June 3 - July 31 at our local gay-friendly bars in Central PA.

Participating bars this year: Altlands Ranch, Neptune, Stonewall, Tally-Ho, Club Z, 704 Strawberry, The Pink Lizard, Countryside Inn, The Brownstone, and Stallions.

Dining Out With Pride - Tuesday, June 27, 2006. That night thousands will be dining together with a portion of the profit going to the Central PA gay pride parade. For a list of participating restaurants, please visit: www.centralpagayprideparade.org/diningout.htm.

National Women's Music Festival....it's back and better than ever! This festival is under new management, and almost out of debt. The energy is up. The lineup is great. The local community is behind us again. It's like old times, only better. It all takes place July 6 - 9, 2006 on the campus of the Illinois State University, in Normal, Ill. An incredible 4 day, jam-packed weekend of workshops, concerts, drama, dancing, films, videos, and shopping, with access and child care services and MUCH more -all held indoors! The incredible lineup features Vickie Shaw, Cheryl Wheeler, Margie Adam, Lisa Koch, Erika Luckett, Deidre McCalla, Tret Fure, Karen Williams, Ellis, Nedra Johnson, Natalia Zukerman, and Lisa Ferraro...just to mention a few. For more information: www.wiaonline.org.

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Local Church Activities....

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July 7 at 7 PM: Friday Night at the Movies. We will be showing Sordid Lives.

June 10, Saturday: Multi-Family Yard Sale. Call the church if you would like a table.

June 27 at 7 PM: Book Discussion at Pastor Eva's (Eva is the pastor of MCC of the Spirit)home. Call the church for location. The book to be discussed is: A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life, by Parker Palmer.

June 30, Friday at 7 PM: Scrabble. Call for details.

July 2, Sunday at 7 PM: join MCC of the Spirit for an outdoor worship followed by Harrisburg City's fireworks display. Excellent location to view the fireworks - call the church for directions!

Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg

136 South Stratton St.

Gettysburg, PA. (717) 334-2920

All are welcome.....

June 10: Saturday, 3 - 8 PM - A Tie-Dye Fundraiser. You bring your things to dye and we will supply everything to make your plain clothes as enchanting as a rainbow. Bring shirts, scarves, socks, or pillowcases, and for a small fee you can tiedye to your hearts content. Rain date: June 17. For more info contact Kelly: krelliott@superpa.net.

June 11: Sunday Service, 10:30 AM. WomanSpirit, a unique concert by the Central PA Womyn's Chorus. This is the exclusive premiere of their performance the following weekend at the National Sister Singers Festival in San Diego. For more info: www.cpwchorus.org.

June 20: Tuesday at 7 PM, Summer Solstice Celebration. Come celebrate the turning of the Wheel of the Year at UUG's Summer Solstice/Longest Day Service, followed by a time of fellowship and sisterhood. Bring a summer dessert to share after the service. For more info or to contribute to the service, call Judith at (717) 334-2920 and leave a message.

Lancaster - Long's Park Summer Entertainment Series Wow! This is a great one this year! And the best thing of all is that it's FREE! Every Sunday at 7:30 PM there is a great concert to see. In June see the Rumba Club, the best Latin-jazz ensemble around. In July, this is great...Ladysmith Black Mambazo. This is an incredible group! The best place to be Sunday nights this summer - Lancaster's Long Park. For more info: www.longspark.org/musicschedule.html.

Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park - June 9, 10 and 11, 2006, King Lear will be performed at the Levitt Pavilion in Reservoir Park, Harrisburg. This is an outdoor venue with lawn seating, so please bring a blanket or lawn chair. For more info: www.levittpavilionharrisburg.org.

Theatre....

OPEN STAGE OF HARRISBURG SEVENTH ANNUAL WOMENSPEAK FESTIVAL

JUNE 1 - JULY 1

Let's get personal! The women of WomenSpeak have never been shy, but this year they're really going to open up and tell it like it is! You'll learn how a body image class can lead to a lesbian adventure...what it takes to make it in the big city when you can't take the farm out of the girl...if it's possible for mothers and daughters to see each other as they really are....and you'll experience the difficult and troubling world of love between African-American men and women. It's a WomenSpeak Festival you can't afford to miss. Please visit www.openstagehbg.com for all the details!

OYSTER MILL PLAYHOUSE WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

JUNE 2 - 11, 2006

A brilliant battle of wits takes place in this topical, extraordinary and thought-provoking play. Claire Harrison, a successful sculptor, is paralyzed in a car accident and kept alive by support systems in a hospital. Outwardly she's cheerful and often very funny, but she's overwhelmed by the fact that she has lost control of her own life. As the play begins, she is coming to the decision that if she can't live as a woman, she does not want to exist as a medical achievement. Her physician however, is utterly determined to preserve Claire's life, regardless of its quality. Finally, despite the pleas of the doctor and her involved nurse, Claire invokes the law of habeas corpus and a judge joins the battle to determine -Whose Life Is It, Anyway? For more information: www.oystermill.com. Tickets are \$12 pp. This is a great little playhouse off the beaten path in Camp Hill.

EPHRATA PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK SORDID LIVES

JUNE 8 - 11, 14 - 17, 2006

"A black comedy about white trash." When Peggy, a good Christian woman, hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death after tripping over her lover's wooden legs in a motel room, chaos erupts in Winters, Texas. Among the characters are the grandson tryingto find his identity in West Hollywood, the son who has spent the past 23 years dressed as Tammy Wynette, and the 2 daughters, one straight-laced and the other.....well, not so straight-laced. Tickets are \$20. For more info: www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org.

AT THE FULTON **CRAZY FOR YOU** JUNE 8 - 25, 2006

This Gershwin musical was named best musical of 1992, Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Awards. What's a New York banker doing tap-dancing down the streets of Deadhead, Nevada? Trying to get the girl and save the theatre of course. But he better be quick aboutit. His meddlesome mother and forceful "fiancee" are on the next train. When push comes to shove, will Bobby follow his heart or allow the bullying women in his life to lock his theatrical ambitions in a bank vault forever? This Broadway hit crosses good, oldfashioned entertainment with a feel-good message about being true to your dreams. We ask you again - who could ask for anything more? Tickets are \$17 - \$42 pp. For more info: www.atthefulton.org.



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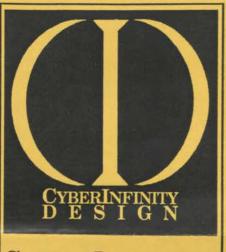
7 PM...At the Little Yough Summer Music Festival in Deep Creek, MD. Admission is FREE! For more festival info: www.littleyough.com. The concert is in an outdoor setting so bring your favorite lawn chair and be surrounded by the fresh mountain air on the banks of the Youghiogheny River as you're serenaded by your favorite chanteuse!

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If sleeping in a tent isn't your cup of tea, there are cabins available that you can rent that will be near our tent campers. We can give you the info as to what tent camping section we will be in so you can rent the cabin in the same location. Cabin rentals: www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/cunninghamfalls.html

Registration fees for this trip are:

Members: \$25 - Non-members: \$30 Plus \$10 per child For more info and registration: www.altad.org

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Health Spotlight....

GUM DISEASE

Many people for some reason neglect their oral health. Why? Some keep putting off a visit to the dentist because they're too busy.....others harbor fear or anxiety about dentistry......and, of course, not all health insurance plans cover dental visits.

However, you can't be healthy without healthy gums and teeth. Gum disease can be dangerous to your overall health, and not just to the health of your teeth.

There are 2 stages of gum, or periodontal disease:

Gingivitis and periodontitis. To learn more about these 2 stages, please visit: http://www.perio.org/consumer/4a.html

Gum disease is an infection that can also affect your whole body, bombarding the circulatory system with virulent bacteria and other toxins and enabling them to travel throughout the body.

Did you know that gum disease.....increases risk of heart attack by as much as 25%? That it increases risk of stroke by a factor of 10? That it increases the severity of diabetes? That it can contribute to respiratory disease? That it also plays a role in osteoporosis? And that it can severely stress the immune system and can lower resistance to other infections? That it can reduce your life expectancy?

The good news is that in most people gum disease is preventable. Attention to everyday oral hygiene (brushing & flossing), coupled with professional cleanings twice a year, could be all that's needed to prevent gum disease - and actually reverse the early stage, and help you keep your teeth for a lifetime.

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