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A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

May, 1998

#### **EVERY THURSDAY**

7-8pm... Aerobics Class at Vision of Hope MCC, Mountville, PA. All are welcome! Come join us. call (717) 285-9070 for more info.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:30-1:30 am... Crazy Susan in concert at The Rusty Nail, Hbg.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

6 pm... Mini golfing in Leesport with GLORA of Reading. Many other activities available other than golf. Join us for dinner afterwards. Call Janet at (610) 868-7183.

9:30-12 mid... Crazy Susan in concert at The Fairway Pub at Heritage Hills, York.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 8

6:30pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner & great conversation at a local restaurant. Call Shirley at (717) 397-1915 or e-mail to snoac@gateway.net.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 8-10

The Highlands Inn's 15th Anniversary Party. Celebrate with dinner & party with D.J. dancing and champagne. \$35/person + room. Call (603) 869-3978 for reservation.

#### WEEKEND, MAY 8-9

Premier of DJ V at B-TLS. Call (717) 938-1123.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:30-12:30 am... Crazy Susan in concert at The Pep Grill, Hbg.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 10

12:30-1:15 and 1:45-2:45pm... Crazy Susan in concert at the Ole York Street Fair, Columbia Gas Stage.

3pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the York Street Fair.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 9

6:30pm... A Silent Auction and Stone Soup in concert at MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Stone Soup is Central PA's newest alternative, folk, rock, reggae, celtic, blues, country, spiritual & more band. \$5 admission for auction and concert. Limited seating, only 125 tickets will be sold. For ticket info call Jim at (717) 233-3172 or e-mail jimakers@juno.com. All proceeds benefit MCC of the Spirit.

York Area Singles Dinner. Meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Call Peg at either (717) 738-2285 or (717) 225-6042.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15

StormCloud Productions fund-raiser for the Rape Crisis Center. Acts include: Natalie Darkes, Bobbi Carmitchell & Virtual Harmony + many more. \$10.00 cover. Details at the bar or call (717) 938-1123.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 16

8pm... Boys and Girls With Stories presented by the Harrisburg Men's Chorus with special guests the Central PA Womyn's Chorus at the Harrisburg Community Theatre. Tickets are \$8, \$10, and \$12. For reservations call (717) 236-SING.

7pm... Twilight Fireside Concert Series sponsored by Bobbi Carmitchell. \$10.00. Price includes dinner & an evening fireside concert. Bring your lawn chair. Call Bobbi at (717) 872-4512 for more details.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17

11am... A Few Loops & Lunch. Join us for a bike ride around Rossmoyne Center. All skill levels welcome... You can do as many loops as you like... or bring your rollerblades. What a way to spend a Spring afternoon. Then we'll do lunch at Isaacs. Call (717) 691-5577.

4pm... Lebanon County Lesbian Social Group and Potluck. Call Marie at (717) 865-6944.

#### MAY 20-25

Campfest - Memorial Day Weekend. Spend the weekend with 1000+womyn, for this wonderful way to kick off the summer. For rates & info call (609) 694-2037 or e-mail at camfest@aol.com.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 22

9pm-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Dew Drop Inn, Spry. Queen Street exit off rt. 83. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 28

7-10 pm... Crazy Susan in concert at Chi-Chi's. Lititz Pike, Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 29

6:30pm... Harrisburg Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner & great conversation at a local restaurant. Call (717) 691-5577 or e-mail to Lavlet@panetwork.com.

8:30-10:30pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Cornerstone Coffee House in Camp Hill. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

9pm-mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert with Anne the crazy sister at the Symposium, Centerville Rd, Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

10 pm-1:30 am... Crazy Susan in concert at Phil's in Wrightsville.

#### **WEEKEND MAY 28-31**

10th Annual Virginia Women's Music Festival at Intouch, Kent's Store, VA. Many womyn musical artists and a marketplace. (804) 589-6542. Beach Party Weekend at B-TLS. Seagrams Coolers on special.

## Upcoming Events...

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8-11pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at The Wire. Virtual Harmony will be the opening act. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

#### JUNE 19-21ST WEEKEND

Wild Hearts presents the 7th Annual Lesbian Dude Ranch Weekend in Milford, PA. Many activities including dance parties, Country-Western Dancing, Hayrides, Bonfires, Game Room, + More. For more information call (215) 886-1082.

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...Haverim, Gay and Lesbian Jewish Group meets the Last Saturday of each month. Each gathering will include an element of socializing, Jewish learning and havdalah (the ceremony that marks th eccncludion of the Sabbath). For exact time and place of gathering call Marvin Mernick at (717) 764-4407 or e-mail to HbgHaverim@aol.com or write to Haverim, P.O. Box 3422, Shiremanstown, PA 17011.

...MCC OF THE SPIRIT, 2973 Jefferson St., Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7:00 pm. Call 236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person; call for details and special events.

...DIGNITY OF CENTRAL PA (Hbg) Services: First Sunday of month, 5pm, Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and Program. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. 1st & 3rd Monday, Dialogue & Discussion Group, 1514 N. 2nd St., (use side door), (717) 652-7683.

...INTERWEAVE is a group supported by the Unitarian Universalist Church, for those people who are concerned with Gay, Lesbian or Straight issues. Meeting is the 1st Sunday of each month, call for times (usually 6:30pm). Hotline: (717) 859-4481.

...UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK, 49 E. Springettsbury Ave., York. (717) 845-8212. Services: 9 am & 10:30 am. Rev. Yvonne Miller. Childcare provided.

...UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LANC. Sunday, 9am & 11am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. Interweave Gathering, a new social group focused on the gay & lesbian community of Lancaster County will be meeting on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm at the Church. For info call (717) 393-1733.

...UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH. 4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg. (Behind Trindle Bowling Alley on Trindle Rd.) Services. Sundays 9am & 11am. (717) 737-8875. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation and recognizing that all people are one in God.

...VISION OF HOPE MCC, 130 E. Main St., Mountville, PA 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. AM Children's Sunday School. (717) 285-9070.





Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit

2973 Jefferson Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Service: Sunday, 10:30a.m. & 7:00 p.m. E-mail: mccoffhespirit@juno.com Pastor Eva O'Diam (717) 236-7387

### Social Groups...

...Her Story Women's Bookstore features womyn-centered **Tarot Card Readings**. The first Saturday of every month. Consultations begin at 9am. No appointments necessary. Sliding scale basis. Questions? Call Her Story at (717) 757-4270.

... National Organization for Women (NOW) meets the 3rd Wed. of the Month at the YWCA. E. Market St., York, Call (717) 757-4270.

...Anyone 60+ is invited to join OLOC, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. For membership and 4 issues of the OLOC Reporter, send \$15 to P.O. Box 98042, Houston, TX 77098.

...Shippensburg Circle Group meets in the Shippensburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg Areas for networking & social events. Brunch/potlucks in Shippensburg. Call (717) 530-1743 for the next event.



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...GLB Support Group of Shippensburg University, provides an affirming, positive and supportive environment where college students can share experiences around coming out, gain information about community resources and support one another in creating and maintaining happy, healthy relationships. Call (717) 532-1481 for info.

## Secure Your Financial Future

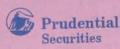
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## **MONEY**talk

## INVESTING—HOW TO GET STARTED (Provided by Prudential Securities)

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Calculate an annual household budget by adding up all your income for the year and subtracting your regular, essential expenses. The balance is the amount you have to spend on discretionary uses, such as vacations and gifts, or to invest.

\*Understand your risk tolerance. Most investments have some measure of risk. If your assets and income are sufficient or you are investing for a long-term goal, you might be willing to accept greater risk in exchange for potentially larger gains. However, if you cannot afford a loss of principal, you should consider lower risk investments.

\*Understand your investment. Before you invest, understand how an investment works, perhaps by reading a company's annual report or a mutual fund's prospectus.

\*If you don't have the time or resources to determine appropriate investments, seek professional advice. An experienced financial advisor can help you at every step—from helping you set financial goals, to explaining various investments, to implementing and monitoring the success of your investments. As with your investments, be sure you understand how a financial advisor will charge for his or her services, if there is a charge, and select an advisor with whom you can be comfortable in discussing your personal situation.

investing some time now, even if you only have a small amount of money to start with, might be the best investment you ever make!

...PFFLAG, Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, 538 West Chestnut St. every 4th Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Hotline: (717) 397-1095.

...PFFLAG of Central PA meets at Tressler Lutheran Services, 960 Century Dr., Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 795-0330.

...COMMON JOURNEY, an organization of Lesbians and Gays in the Healthcare, Human Services and Educational fields, meets at the Vision of Hope MCC Church in Mountville. For more info call Edwin Yates at (717) 285-9070 or e-mail at yatesmcc@redrose.net.

...HEALINGS: Helping Every Adolescent In Need Group Support, for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7pm in the Gettysburg Area. For more info/location call (717) 630-5292 or (717) 338-1694.

...GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) meets in Carlisle at the YWCA. Mission Statement: GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation. We welcome as members individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or occupation, who share this philosophy.



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## RAFFLE FOR ANGELA SCHENO

Angela is a woman in our community who has been battling with cancer for the past 5 years. She initially struggled with ovarian cancer, and now has lung cancer. The idea for a raffle came about as a an attempt to help ease some of Angela's daily living expenses. She isn't working but still has the usual financial obligations to meet, and it is hoped that your response to this effort will be, as it has always been in the past, overwhelmingly compassionate, generous, and from the heart. Women helping women is what it's all about, and right now Angela really needs your help. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, and we have a bevy of wonderful prizes donated by some very special people and businesses. The drawing has been extended until sometime in May, and all winners will be notified. Thank you so much for your wonderful support. All checks should be made out to Angela Scheno and mailed to 33 N. Beaver St., York, PA 17404. Please make sure you send a phone number so you can be contacted if you win.

First Prize: A \$200 framed Southwestern print by an artist from Tennessee. Other Prizes include: Jewelry, artwork, breakfast, dinner, massages, plants, gift certificates, color calendars and the list is still growing.

## Latisha K. Frederick, Esq.

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### Thanks for Four Great Years

Due to my relocation to New Mexico, I will be closing my law office effective May 15, 1998.

If you have an active file with my office, please call on or before May 15th to discuss and arrange for the transfer of your file to another attorney. According to applicable law, all nonactive or closed files will be stored for five years. As of June 1, 1998, the custodian of all closed files will be the Dauphin County Bar Association.

I thank all who have made my professional and personal life in Pennsylvania such a rewarding experience.

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...Third Thursday of each month, 7 pm, join a Gay/Lesbian Book Discussion Club at M.C.C. of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson Street. (717) 236-7387 (Formerly at Encore Books.)

...Book Discussion Group. If you like to read, we want you... to join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. Call Kellie (717) 236-2876 for this month's book and the location of the meeting.

...The Center for Women Students at Penn State, Univ. Park sponsors many film series/discussion groups on Women & Lesbian concerns. For more info/brochure call (814) 863-2027.



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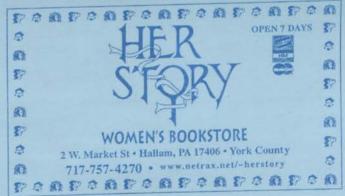
...Gay & Lesbian Book Discussion Group at Borders Books in Lancaster. Meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 7pm.

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses in Harrisburg on Monday nights at 7pm in Harrisburg; for information call 234-4825.

...YAL (York Area Lambda) Educational, Political & Social Group of Lesbian/Gay & Bi people in the York area. Newsletter with paid dues. For more info write P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405 or call (717) 848-9142.

...The Women's Resource Center at Bucknell University sponsors various events throughout the month. Poetry readings, self defense classes, art exhibits, discussion groups, etc. Call (717) 524-1375 for their monthly calendar.

...Triangle Interests... A not-for-profit, Lesbian membership association offering financial and business networking opportunities, educational seminars and social activities. Forming a Lesbian Credit Union... Retirement Communities... (+much more). For more info call. (215) 487-3736.



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