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We're planning to make the 1994 Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival the best yet. You can help. Find out what's happening. Express your needs and views. Volunteer. **Come to a Pride Festival Community Forum.**

7:30-9:30 PM at the following locations:

Lancaster

Tues., Dec. 14

Isaac's Corporate Office
City Crossings
354 N. Prince St.
(Corner of Prince and Lemon)
Suite 220
Enter main lobby and take
stairs to the second floor.

Harrisburg

Wed., Dec. 15

Planned Parenthood Bldg.
1514 N. Second St.
Lower level
Enter through the
rear door at the northwest
corner of the bldg.

York

Thurs., Dec. 16

Isaac's Restaurant and Deli
Conference Room
Village at Meadowbrook
2960 Whiteford Rd.
(Across from the Galleria Mall)

The Gay and Lesbian Community Awareness Council of Central Pennsylvania (CAC) was formed by a group of individuals instrumental to the Pride Festival. By providing a non-profit (501)(C)(3) status for the festival and other projects, contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The CAC established a board of 9 directors from the central Pennsylvania area who believe that we all benefit by being an open, public force for change. Through education we can change the public's attitude toward lesbian and gay people. We welcome feedback your ideas.

Our major projects currently include:

The Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival is an annual celebration of lesbian and gay life.

The Lesbian and Gay Community Recognition Banquet recognizes the contributions of local volunteers and strengthens ties within our community.

The Dan Miller Legal Defense Fund strives to extend our civil rights through the courts and educates the general public about existing discrimination against lesbian and gay people.

**Don't miss our Valentine Concert featuring Nancy Day
Saturday, Feb. 12, 1994, 8 P.M., State Museum, Harrisburg**

This special Valentine Concert promises entertainment, fun, romance
and helps underwrite the 1994 Pride Festival.

February 4, 1994

To the lesbian and gay organizations
of Central Pennsylvania:

The First Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania was held on July 26, 1992. An impressive crowd braved doubts about the location, fear of publicity, and bad weather to have a wonderful time together, celebrating pride.

The Second Annual Festival was held on July 25, 1993. The weather improved, doubts diminished, and the turnout increased.


The Third Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania will be held on July 31, 1994..... if we make it happen. But it won't happen if only a small handful of us will work for it, and it won't happen if we wait until May or June to begin.

The Festival is too important not to happen. How else will we show Central Pennsylvania that we-- their own brothers and sisters and parents and children and neighbors-- are gay and proud? How else will we show ourselves that we are a community, joyous in our diversity and united in our pride, our concerns and our hopes?

We are asking you to join the Pride Coalition-- and help make the Festival happen-- by doing the following:

1. Designate an officer or active member as your organization's representative to the Coalition-- someone who is dedicated to the goal, willing to help with the work and able to enlist others to help, when more help is needed.
2. Make a start-up contribution to the Coalition of \$20 to \$50-- as much as you feel able, based on your membership and means. We don't like to start off asking for money, but we want to be able to start off working on the Festival itself, not on fund-raising activities. We promise you that all contributions, money raised and expenditures made will be documented, accounted for and publicized.
3. Send your designated rep (or substitute) to an organizational/planning session on Saturday, March 5, 1994 at 1 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room of the Friends' Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg. They should bring with them your members' ideas as to what the Festival should be and should do, and how. If you're from outside Harrisburg, you might plan to follow the afternoon's work with some fun in the evening, by taking part in the Switchboard's volleyball tournament at HACC.
4. If your designated rep or substitute cannot commit to attend the session on March 5, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it, along with your check made out to "Pride Coalition", to Pride Coalition, P. O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405-2425, by March 1. Registration forms and contributions may be brought to the session.

Let's make it happen!

Asst
Douglas D. Warner,
Facilitator/Coordinator


R. Franklin Williams, Secretary
of York Area Lambda and Editor
of Lambdan, Acting Treasurer

Date: March 15, 1994

To: Potential Members of the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania

From: Task Group for the Organization of the Pride Coalition

On Saturday, March 5th 23 people, representing 12 organizations, met at the Friends Meeting House to discuss the viability of organizing a coalition for the purpose of planning the 1994 Pride Festival in Central Pennsylvania. Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter that was sent to approximately 60 organizations announcing that meeting.

Thanks to the leadership of Doug Warner, those present had a lively conversation about the Pride Festival. We are pleased that all those present agreed that the festival could and would happen this year.

For your information, the location remains at Reservoir Park and will be held on Sunday, July 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At the March 5th meeting, work groups began the process of developing plans to ensure the success of the 1994 Pride Festival.

The decision was made to organize a coalition of self-defined organizations and individuals affirming of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. The name of the group will be the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania.

Our task group was charged with developing a possible outline for the organization of the coalition by April 9 which would be the organizational meeting of the coalition. Attached are the recommendations we, as a committee, would offer for the organization of the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania. *The group already agreed on the organizational membership of \$25-\$50. Individual memberships will be \$15 per year with the approval of the Coalition. You are asked to review this information and consider becoming a member of the Coalition.*

If you decide to join the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania as an organization, please designate your representative, and plan to attend the organizational meeting of the Pride Coalition. This is a very important meeting, where we will elect officers and approve committee chairs for various tasks. Come and offer your input! Plan to be present!

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1994
PLACE: PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 1514 N. 2ND STREET
(BASEMENT MEETING ROOM BESIDE THE SWITCHBOARD)
TIME: 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

If you have any questions, or know who your designated representative will be prior to the meeting, call Rev. Eva O'Diam, chair of the organizational task group, at [REDACTED]