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Festival News

The Pride Newsletter

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Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 60668, Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-0668

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Past accomplishments lauded

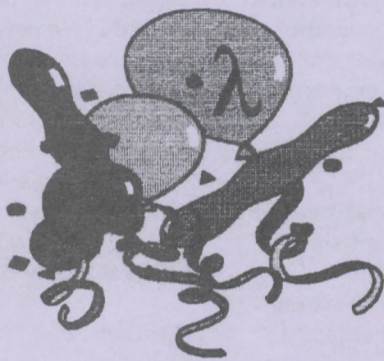
The '94 Pride Festival is On!!!

We've come a long way in the last two years...

...The first Festival took place on a rainy day in 1992 and was put together by a small, but dedicated Organizing Committee. They started Central Pennsylvania's own Pride Festival—a gathering of approximately 900 people who shared the common experience of learning, singing, dancing, eating, socializing, being entertained, and CELEBRATING PRIDE TOGETHER!

Pride Day expanded into Pride Week in 1993, which consisted of seven special events including a youth workshop, a play written by Tony

Award-winner Terrence McNally, Koffee House Karaoke night, and a Pride concert featuring The Flirtations and Nancy Day. Pride Week culminated in a Festival that presented nationally renowned entertainers as well as local talent, and was attended by over 2,000 people—more than twice the previous year's attendance.



1994 ANNUAL PRIDE FESTIVAL.
Sunday, July 31, 1994
11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
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Today there is the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania which promises to create a positive Pride experience for all by offering identity affirmation, community outreach, networking opportunities, time to

learn about our differences as well as issues that affect us all and, of course, FUN!!!▽

Resolutions Adopted

Entertainment Plans in Full Swing

The Pride Coalition Entertainment Committee passed nine important resolutions including:

—Mary Gage, given her prior experience arranging entertainment for the Pride Festival, chair the committee,

—All entertainers who are affirming of Gay/Lesbian/Bi-Sexual;/Transgender issues will be welcome to perform. Preference will be given to Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual entertainers, —Entertainment will alternate between locations in the hope there will be continuous entertainment throughout the day, Special programs for women will be presented at the Evolution statue area of the park.

—It is anticipated that there will be one headliner artist with all additional talent to be local,

—Some accommodation will be made to acquire locally pertinent political candidates to speak and/or discuss issues with Festival participants.

Local entertainers featured this year include Barb Barton, Bobbie Carmitchell, Natalie Darkes, Katie Dunton, John Teats, The Harrisburg Men's Chorus, Lily White & Company, Rodney, Doug Stevens and The Outband, and the Women's Theatre Guild.

The committee is looking for women to share their talents—poets, storytellers, craftswomen—any gift they have that can be shared in a quiet outdoor setting.

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Funds needed to continue Festival

The Future is in Your Hands...

By Rich Casaday

As in the past, the Pride Festival will attract people from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and D.C. as well as from our own backyard.

Plans are currently underway for a full slate of events, including entertainment, information displays, food and merchandise vendors, and many items of interest to the gay and lesbian community.

The Festival is a great opportunity for us to network with friends and members of the gay and lesbian community while having fun at the same time.

If you wish the Pride Festival to

continue annually and remain open free of charge, kindly consider a donation to the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania. Your financial support entitles you membership in the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania including newsletters, a Pride Festival decal and recognition in the Pride Festival program (optional).

Please complete the form on page 3 and send to the Pride Coalition office (address above).

Let's keep the dream of Pride alive for '95 and for many years to come.

About This Publication...

...We hope you enjoy your first issue of the Festival News and find it informative. You will receive another newsletter in July updating you on the activities of the various committees who are working hard to bring you the 1994 Annual Pride Festival on Sunday, July 31st.

For information on becoming a member of the Pride Coalition, see the

form on page 3 or write us at the Pride Coalition office (address above).

The next issue will contain an opportunity for you to air your questions and comments. We encourage you to do so in order to make the Pride Festival **YOUR** event. Please tell your friends who are sight

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Interview with Doug Warner: President of Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania

Visions of Pride

Interviewed by Katie Dunton

When asked *his* reason for being involved in the Pride Coalition, Doug Warner responds without hesitation, "bridge-building." One of the many goals of this newly-formed group, bringing the Pride Festival to Central Pennsylvania this summer, is just—community outreach as well as a fostering of our own sense of community.

This year's Steering Committee is a diverse group of dedicated women and men who represent a variety of cultural, social and economic backgrounds, and are committed to being inclusive of all. "We are making efforts to ensure that we handle the needs of individuals who are often unintentionally excluded, and welcome them to participate in the Festival." In realizing this goal,

planning is underway to provide reserved parking and other facilities for the physically challenged, as well as services for the sight and hearing impaired.

The Festival's Hospitality Staff will greet and assist participants. For visitors from out of town, signs will be posted on major thoroughfares, and

maps and directions are available upon request by calling the Pride Coalition office. There will also be a map of Reservoir Park in the program booklet, for your convenience in finding the

vendors, entertainers and most importantly, the PORTOLETS!

Doug confidently emphasizes the celebration side of the event stating, "You can expect to have fun!"

Why be involved in Pride when there are many groups, events and

"good causes" out there? "In order to recognize each other's strengths and come together as a team," Doug believes, "we must be proud of who we are and not shy away from it. The Pride Festival is one day a year when we can be ourselves."

Doug understands that people are at different stages, and we all walk different paths" and feels that what is needed is a unifying force to bring us all together. Doug's long term goal for the Coalition is to provide a community headquarters. "Our efforts started on the grass roots level and have increased to the formation of over sixty organizations, but we have no hub. I would like to see the Pride Coalition increase its membership so that we can pool our resources and provide a secure place to come to—a community center."

It is Doug's fervent hope that the community will share his goal and that all interested will get involved with the Festival in any capacity possible. ▽

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The 1994 Pride Coalition Steering Committee

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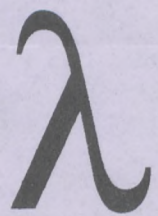
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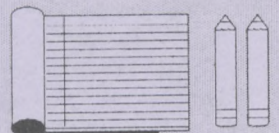
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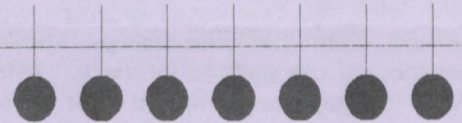
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- Lambda Rights
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- Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit
- Pink Triangle of HACC
- Pink Triangle Coalition
- Shippensburg Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Concerns
- South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN)
- York Area Lambda
- York Area Women's Singles

Your group can also join us in the planning!
Call the Festival office at 545-8411 for information.
We'd love to have you come on board!

Entertainment in Full Swing

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If crowds are not your thing, the Festival will offer a getaway where ice cream and pie will be served. There will also be "fun booths." If you or anyone you know is a caricaturist, tarot card reader, photographer, mime or juggler, call (717) 545-8411 and leave a message on the Entertainment Line. ▽



Mark your calendars for Saturday Night, July 30, 1994!

The Harrisburg Men's Chorus is donating its talents to benefit the Pride Festival!
Several other G&L&A choruses, including a women's chorus, have been invited to share their voices with us at the Harrisburg Community Theatre.

We believe that you'll want to celebrate this event with your friends.

More details in the next newsletter.

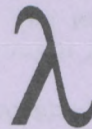


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Viewpoint

An Island or a Drawbridge?

By Peg Stoppard

With all the talk about the religious right, civil rights and AIDS, it seems easy to discount a powerful dynamic that threatens to splinter our movement from within—the difficulty lesbians and gay men encounter in understanding and working with one another. A Pride Festival, whether you are a planner or simply an enjoyer of the day, can bring these differences to the forefront.

This is a topic rarely discussed in the gay press, or for that matter, in mainstream literature. Virtually all books and articles discussing the differences between women and men center around their heterosexuality—about understanding one another on the path to intimacy. Strict gender roles apply. And non-gay people spend their life's energy straining and stretching to stay within the confines of those gender roles. Let's face it, there are heavy sanctions for those who don't.

For us, it is different. Who makes the rules? In the book **This Bridge Called My Back**, there is an essay which speaks directly and powerfully to the differences. The analogy described below can be easily applied to the differences between women and men.

Slightly simplified, you can choose a role: island and drawbridge. As an island, you are a separatist. This is where you replenish your soul by being with others like you. For instance, many lesbians truly draw strength and a certain revitalization of the spirit by being with other lesbians in lesbian-only space. The danger is that when you're used to only one generally accepted set of values, those of *your* group, it can be hard to keep an open mind.

As a drawbridge however, you expend energy by *bridging over* to the other group—seeking or offering understanding and comradery. We do this by serving as source of information for non-gay individuals about being lesbian or gay. And women and men do this by striving to work together on common goals.

It is vital to understand the importance of *bridging over*. We need to 1) listen more and assume less, 2) stop expecting it to be easy and 3) accepting differences for what they are.

In public and personal celebrations of our Pride, all of us, women and men, can be drawbridges to one another by coming together in a healthy and exuberant celebration of who we are. Haven't we earned it? Let's enjoy it as a community...TOGETHER!

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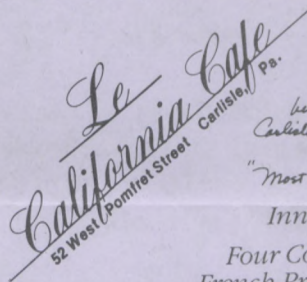
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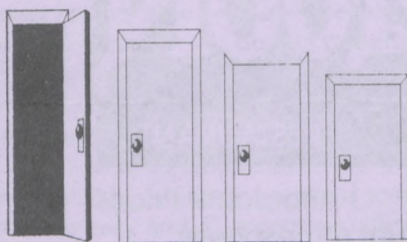
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