



TransCentralPA Newsletter

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Group Announcements

Can You Smell It? Spring [Fling] Is in the Air! Less than one month to go. Please register at our website. You can now pay online using our new PayPal account. This is an open party so you are welcome to invite friends, family and other Trans-persons and groups. Don't forget.....March 15th at 6:00 pm.

Shhhh....and Bring Some Money. We are currently soliciting donations for our silent auction at the Spring Fling party. If you have something of value or know of a business that is willing to donate, please let our Managing Director Jeanine Ruhsam know.

Less Fluff and More Stuff. We want to move the majority of the administrative announcements away from our monthly gatherings and into this newsletter so we can focus more time in the meeting on guest speakers, discussion topics and social time. Also, by publishing these announcements into one place, it makes it easier for members who cannot attend the meeting to know what is going on. If you have any announcements or inputs, please send them to our Communications Director Kristy Snow.

Please Renew Your Membership! On March 1st we will remove delinquent members from our Yahoo! Group. Our membership dues pay for the use of our

meeting place, our website and our participation in programs and activities such as PRIDE week, membership in the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, advertising in The Voice, etc. Please continue to support our group by paying your membership dues. The 2008 Membership Form and Survey can be downloaded from the Members' section of the website and previous members can renew via the mail.

Make a Difference! Much of the work of putting on our meetings, events and outreach program fall on the shoulders of just a few. The only way we will be able to keep our momentum moving in a positive direction is for each of us to help out. Let Jeanine Ruhsam know if you can. We're also looking for Big Brothers and Sisters to caringly help 'newbies' out of the proverbial closet. Every little bit helps.

The New 2008 Membership Booklet is now available on our website. Many of you provided feedback on the previous version and we have incorporated many of the ideas. We've begun to draft our first Outreach Brochure that will be distributed to groups, employers, schools, etc. Please pass on your ideas to the Communications Director Kristy Snow.

Read a Good Book? We now have a locked cabinet in the church to store our

resources and members' library. If you have T-books, videos, magazines, etc that are sitting on your shelf, please consider donating them to help others. Please pass them on to Kristy Snow.

Got Food? Got Drinks? Our Program and Meeting Director Trina Brady is looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our monthly meeting. Please contact her if you can help.

Got Food?—Part Deux A number of members meet at a local restaurant for dinner prior to each meeting at about 6:15ish. If you would like to join us for dinner and drinks, please ask Jeanine Ruhsam for the details. The more the merrier!

Mark your Calendars!

Mar 1	TCPA Group Meeting
Mar 15	Spring Fling '08
Apr 5	TCPA Group Meeting
May 3	TCPA Group Meeting

Visit our website for more event info!

Local

•On January 23rd the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CPGLCC) adopted new Bylaws. CPGLCC replaces the organization AskGLSH. Visit their website at www.CPGLCC.org.

•Local Trans -Youth organizations Common Roads, The Curve and the GLASS club are planning to attend the True Colors national leadership conference at the University of Connecticut this March. All three organizations are holding a community night fundraiser with Isaac's Restaurant and Deli on March 4. Visit www.commonroads.org for details.

•On March 14th, the Renaissance of Southeastern Pennsylvania (ROSE) group is hosting a veteran make-up artist who has helped most of the local area drag queens with costuming, pageantry and makeup. His presentation will include all levels of makeup from daytime to glamour/pageant makeup. Visit www.renaissancesep.org for details.

Other Information

• Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) died on February 11th from complications due to esophageal cancer. In the year 2000, Rep. Lantos authored and sponsored the very first legislative language introduced into Congress that mentioned "gender identity"

• Goldman Sachs, ranked 9th on Fortune's list of 100 Best Companies to Work For, added health benefits that cover sex-change operations so as to recruit and retain a more diverse workforce.

•Need a job? The HRC has listing for hundreds of companies with pro-gender identity and expression policies. www.hrc.org

• Lynda Frank along with Dr. Richard Docter are conducting a study of what happens to gender variant individuals as they age. They are seeking testimonials from those who are 50 or older. Visit their website for more information or to participate. www.geocities.com/seniorstudy/index.htm

From the Managing Director

Dear Members,

Our February 2nd meeting was the best attended in many years! A large group, engaging speakers on a relevant topic and great snacks & refreshments all contributed a successful evening. While a large portion of us were on our way the Liquid 891 to take advantage of our free cover as TransCentralPA members, many stayed at the MCC meeting place in discussion groups till the next morning...

Our annual Spring Fling party is less than four weeks away...and we need you to plan to attend, and to reach out and encourage friends, family and supporters to come. It is our only major fund-raiser, and we have some fantastic packages donated for the silent auction. And- it is great fun for a great price! We're



TransCentralPA welcomed Amy Keisling and Lorraine Bock at our February 1st meeting. There were 32 people in attendance.

getting transgender people from far and wide coming in, so let's all make the effort to crowd the place and really enjoy the affair! Check out Kristy's flyer and info on our website for more info.

Your Outreach arm has been active: Pam, Ellen Finnie & I presented a

talk to a class in the Woman & Gender Studies department at York College a week ago, and Pam & I join Kristen & another presenter on the "Trans 101" panel at the gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Summit conference on February 29th at HACC. The condition and treatment of us as transgender citizens is directly connected with our visibility...so make your best effort to be out, proud and a good representative for all of us.

Warmly,

Jeanine Ruhsam

Spotlight on Local Transgender Resources



Amy Keisling

from Riegler, Shienvold & Associates. Over 20 years experience providing counseling for adolescents and adults on a wide range of issues, including depression, anxiety and relationships. Open and compassionate approach to GBLT clients, sensitive to the needs of TG clients. Jeffrey Pincus, Ph.D. has also worked with TG clients and is available if a male clinician is preferred.

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Lorraine Bock

from Nightingale Health & Wellness Services. In addition to being a Family Medicine Practice, they also have alternative and supportive therapies such as Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture and Therapeutic Massage giving you a choice in both traditional and a holistic approach to your ongoing health. They also offer counseling and guidance for those considering hormone treatment.

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