



# TransCentralPA Newsletter

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## Announcements

### Group

**Don't Forget!** Saturday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm is Dr. Richards' presentation on "Brain Gender Identity." We will have a short group meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 pm later that same night.

**No Meeting!** Our July 5th meeting is cancelled due to the holiday weekend. Please remember that we will be participating in Harrisburg PRIDE on July 25th.

**Hungry?** Several members meet at a local restaurant for dinner prior to each meeting. If you would like to join us for dinner and drinks, please ask Jeanine for the details. The more the merrier!

**Like to talk?** TransCentralPA is often asked to provide Trans-speakers to participate in discussion panels at schools, community programs and other groups. If you want to become involved with Outreach, please see Jeanine or Pamela.

### Mark your Calendars!

- May 2 RuPaul at ClubXS
- May 3 Dr. Cerise Richards on "Brain Gender Identity"
- May 3 TCPA Group Meeting
- May 16 Rainbow Mountain Resort CD/TV Getaway Weekend
- May 27 Be-All Conference, Chicago
- May 29 7th Annual Trans-Health Conference, Philadelphia
- Jun 7 TCPA Group Meeting
- Jun 21 Lancaster PRIDE
- Jul 5 No TCPA Group Meeting
- Jul 25 Harrisburg PRIDE

Visit our website for more event info!

**Help!** There are many individuals who need a helping hand to take that first step out. If you are interested in helping out, please let Kristy or Jeanine know.

### Other

**New Resource:** On April 22, the HRC Workplace Project released 'Transgender Inclusion in the Workplace,' a comprehensive guide that provides human resource and other employment professionals with best practices for transgender workplace inclusion. The guide will be updated regularly online and addresses topics such as:

- The business case for transgender inclusion
- Recommended policies and practices
- The transgender employee

Originally published in 2004, this updated guide aims to be both comprehensive and accessible, highlighting FAQs throughout the text in order to answer the most common questions employers have when working toward transgender inclusion in the workplace. To download the 64-page guide or to search their database of transgender-friendly workplaces, visit [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org).

**Curtain Call!** Karen from FemmeFever is seeking individuals from the entire transgendered spectrum to include spouses, significant others and family members of transgendered individuals for a television documentary promoting the upside of having a relationship with someone transgendered. If you are interested in participating, please contact her at [Karen@femme fever.com](mailto:Karen@femme fever.com) or [femme fever1@aol.com](mailto:femme fever1@aol.com)

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**Dr. Cerise Richards**

*"Brain Gender Identity—  
Why We Are Who We Are"*

**Saturday, May 3rd  
at 4:00 pm at the  
MCC of the Spirit**

Transgender Individuals know that their cross identity is fixed at a very early age. What is the medical evidence to date for gender variance being associated with the prenatal formation of our brains?

While significant male-female behavioral differences can be noted at birth, what is responsible for the "continuous spectrum " of gender identity that we experience postnatal? Is it important for you to understand why gender variance is not a "choice"?

Where is the evidence from medical research leading us? This exciting and informative presentation will include the most recent theories and scientific discoveries concerning Transgenderism.

The presentation is **FREE** and open to the public. So please pass on an invitation to anyone you think would benefit from it. See you there!

## Announcements (continued)

**Poconos Get-away!** Rainbow Mountain Resort in the beautiful Poconos is hosting a TG/CD Weekend on May 16-18th. Some of the planned events include a wine and cheese reception, gambling, horseback riding, bowling, a clothing swap and a runway contest. If you would like more information, visit their website at [www.rainbowmountain.com](http://www.rainbowmountain.com) or call 570-223-8484.

**Need a Job?** Central Voice seeks a professional sales executive with a track record to sell advertising for the region's premiere gbt newspaper. Interested candidates are asked to send a cover letter and resume to [fpizzoli@aol.com](mailto:fpizzoli@aol.com) and [davebrown@pressandjournal.com](mailto:davebrown@pressandjournal.com).

**Be-All 2008** will be held from May 27th to June 1st at the Woodfield Hyatt in Schaumburg, IL directly across from the huge Woodfield Shopping Center. This is one of the larger, national Trans-events which had 30+ vendors, 48 informational seminars, and over 400 people in attendance last year. Attendees will receive the discounted rate of \$101 a night at the Hyatt and store gift certificates for the 300-store mall across the street. Visit [www.be-all.org](http://www.be-all.org) for more information.

**Need a Vacation?** The national transgendered organization Pink Essence is organizing a 5-day cruise on the Carnival Fun Ship Destiny departing and returning to Miami on October 30th while visiting Key West and Cozumel. Ask Kristy if you would like more information.

**Trans-Health Conference.** The Mazio Center in Philadelphia is hosting their 7th annual Trans-Health Conference on May 29th-May31st. The conference is geared not only to professionals by offering continuing education credits, but also to individuals and family members as well. They are also hosting a Career Fair on Saturday.

## From the Managing Director

What a season of change and joy! After the long, dormant period of winter, it is truly remarkable & magical to behold the amazing beauty and exuberance of spring. So it is with our own selves, as we burst forth with fresh resolve and purpose in this new season of growth.

This next weekend is a fresh start, too, for TransCentralPA & our allies: one of



*Join us for dinner, drinks and great conversation at one of several trans-friendly restaurants prior to our meetings. We would love for you to come!*

my dear friends, and a respected and beloved contributor to the transgender community, Dr. Cerise Richards, MD, will be presenting hir research seminar Brain Gender Identity at the MCC of the Spirit at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 3rd- our group's regular meeting day. Please note that we will be gathering for dinner at a local Harrisburg restaurant afterwards, so, if you are interested in attending, let me or Kristy know by Friday at 7:00PM so we can get your reservation included.

Much is on the calendar for the coming month...be aware, be proud, and be out!

Warmly,

Jeanine Ruhsam

## Spotlight on Local Transgender Resources



### Canna Country Inn Bed & Breakfast

Nestled in the rolling hills of south central Pennsylvania lays an enchanting escape - a unique Country Inn in a picturesque setting! Canna Country Inn is an expertly converted 1840's Classic Sweitzer Barn. The combination of classic nineteenth century stone and wood with modern interior space creates a simple relaxing environment of style and charm. They are very friendly and inviting and have been wonderfully supportive of the transgender community!

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[www.cannainnbandb.com](http://www.cannainnbandb.com)



### Stallions Nightclub

Stallions Entertainment Complex has 4 floors of bars, dance and lounge areas, there is plenty of room to have fun. And they now offers free cover to all members and guests of TransCentralPA on the first Saturday of every month. Present your membership card to get this great deal!

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[www.stallionsclub.com](http://www.stallionsclub.com)

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