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**Keystone Conference
Registration Ends:
March 8th!**

GROUP

Membership Cards. Liquid891 has asked Jeanine or Kristy to sign the back of everyone's membership card. Unfortunately the back of the cards are pre-laminated so we will have to do so with a Sharpie Pen. Please bring your card to the March meeting. Sorry for the inconvenience.

March Dinner We're trying a different restaurant this month called Spice (www.spiceharrisburg.com) for our pre-meeting dinner on Saturday, Mar 7 at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Menu items are priced between \$9 and \$40 with most salads, burgers and sandwiches around the \$10 range and entrees around the \$22 range. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner at info@transcentralpa.org.

March Meeting. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Mar 7 at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm for those needing to change. Much of the time will be focused on organizing for the upcoming Keystone Conference. Please, we need everyone's involvement to make it a success! We'll also have some time to socialize and I'll remember the cookies!

Please Renew Your Membership The 2009 Membership Application is available on our website. Only previous members may renew by filling out the

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form and mailing it to our address (below) along with a check or money order for \$35.

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February Stats: We had 14 people join us for dinner at Scott's Grille in February and 24 people attended the group meeting! We had 4 people join for a total of 35 members.

Red Roof Inn Discount! We have negotiated a special deal with the Red Roof Inn on Eisenhower Blvd (across from Liquid891). Please see the backside for more information and rates!

Need Brochures? We just received professional printed brochures for the group to hand out at community events, speaking engagements, visitors, guests and others that are interested in our group.

EVENTS

2009 Keystone Conference Mar 12-14 in Harrisburg, PA. Come join us at the Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel at the low rate of \$99/night. The registration packages are at least 50% of similar conferences making Keystone the most affordable conference in the country!

Liberty 2009 Conference from Apr 30—May 2 in Philadelphia, PA. Volunteers will receive reduced or free registration to the event. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information about the conference, visit their website at www.transeventsusa.com

2009 Beauty at the Beach Nov 4-8. in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Prices for double occupancy start at \$580 for Thursday to Sunday. Visit www.cdspub.com/batb.html for more info and details.

Mark your Calendars!

Mar 7	TCPA Dinner at Spice TCPA Group Meeting
Mar 12 Mar 14	2009 Keystone Conference , Harrisburg, PA
Mar 21	Laptop Lounge , King of Prussia, PA
Mar 26 Mar 28	Colorado Gold Rush , Denver, CO
Mar 28	Tran-Quality Support Group Baltimore, MD
Mar 28	Trans-Masculine Alliance, Baltimore, MD
Apr 4	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Apr 30 May 2	Liberty Conference , Philadelphia, PA
May 9	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting **Meeting night moved to 2nd Saturday of the month in May

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org
for more event info!



The
KEYSTONE CONFERENCE
A Celebration of Gender Diversity



2009 Keystone Conference Updates

Less than 2 weeks to go until the Keystone Conference! Registration ends on March 8th so tell your friends and associates to register soon! It looks like we will easily have over 100 people attending Saturday's Seminars and Workshops. And we still have a little more than a week of registration to go! The more the merrier, so sign up now!

If you can't attend, but would like to help out, we would be more than happy to accept a donation. TransCentralPA is a Pennsylvania 501c3 non-profit organization and appreciate your support of the Keystone Conference.

Hotel

The hotel is offering to hold the conference rate of \$99 through this weekend. After that, you must contact the hotel directly and ask for Lisa Chenoweth (our Sheraton point of contact) to see if there are any more rooms available at the rate on a case-by-case basis. So far we have exceeded our initial minimum block of rooms by 50% so don't delay because the hotel is running out of conference rooms!

Thursday

We have contracted a shuttle bus service to take attendees from the hotel to Hollywood Casino and Penn National Race Track for dinner and entertainment. The band 'Restless' will be playing top 40s from 7 to 10 pm.

Friday

The number of attendees for the Friday night dinner and clubbing has far exceeded our initial estimates. Our initial plan was to all sit down together in one

restaurant, but no single restaurant can handle a party of this size. So, instead of patronizing just one restaurant, we have made reservations for parties of 12-15 at 5 restaurants located in downtown Harrisburg on the corner of Second and Locust: Café Fresco, Stocks on Second, Spice, Carley's and Scott's Grille.

This will also permit attendees the ability to select which restaurant they want to go to depending upon menu selection, price and even dining entertainment (one restaurant is a piano bar). We will be posting the restaurants and their websites to the Keystone website soon for their pre-viewing pleasure.

The shuttle bus will run continuously from the hotel to the restaurants, then down a few more blocks to the bars and clubs such as Stallions, Neptune Lounge, 704 Strawberry Café, Brownstone and Suba, and then back to the hotel. Upon boarding the shuttle bus, you can pick up a map with the restaurants, bars and clubs on it.

Saturday

We have quite a line-up of speakers and presenters for Saturday as well as some excellent food and entertainment in the evening. Please help spread the word that the Spring Fling Gala Dinner and Dance is open to the entire community!

Please check out the website for the most current information!

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

TransCentralPA is poised on the eve of our first ever full-scale gender conference; at this writing we have over 100 people attending *the Keystone Conference 2009: A Celebration of Gender Diversity* which commences on Thursday, March 12.

I am really very proud of all who have worked together to make this vision become a reality. We are truly doing our very best to serve our own Trans community, as well as the alternative community and the general community of this region by staging this event; our education, support and outreach programs are all pulling together for the same purpose.

We need help to ensure our success, though. Please encourage people you know to attend- it's not too late. Please register yourself, if you haven't. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit group that exists only through the participation and support of members, friends and supporters of the Transgender community.

Please step forward and ask to volunteer to help at the conference itself: we need ushers, registrars and general staff for Thursday evening through Sunday morning. Although we are but a few days away from the event, this coming Saturday night, March 7 we will hold our regular monthly meeting, so please plan to attend, and volunteer to help if you are able- it will be appreciated!

As the promise of Spring beckons - you can sense it in the smell of the air, the song of the birds, and the swelling of the buds on the trees and shrubs - so, too does the *Keystone Conference* promise hope and a fresh, exciting beginning to the year!

Warm wishes,

Jeanine

Special Deal for Members & Guests!

		Standard Room	All-inclusive Business
	Jan — Apr	\$39.99	\$49.99
	May — Aug	\$49.99	\$59.99
	Sep — Dec	\$39.99	\$49.99

We have negotiated the above rates at the Red Roof Inn on Eisenhower Blvd (across from Liquid891) on our meeting nights only. You must call the hotel directly at (717) 939-1331 to reserve the room under the "TransCentralPA Group" rate.

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