



TransCentralPA Newsletter

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Announcements

HOT

Hungry? Join us for dinner and drinks at Mangia Qui (www.mangiaqui.com) on Saturday, Nov 1 at 5:00 pm. We will sit down for dinner promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner at info@transcentralpa.org. Don't forget your costume!

IMPORTANT! We will be voting to adopt the proposed Bylaw changes in regard to our Director/Officer structure along with conducting the 2009 elections. The nomination period for the 2009 officers opened on Oct 4 and will close prior to voting at our Nov 1 meeting. The nominees so far are President—Jeanine R.; Vice-President—Kristy S.; Secretary—Gretchen L.; and Treasurer—Randi W. If you are interested in running for a position, please let Kristy know.

GROUP

Attendance We had 11 people join us for dinner and 23 people attend Mara's presentation.

Happy Halloween! Along with our annual elections, we're going to have a Halloween costume contest at our Nov 1 meeting (the day after Halloween). A prize will be awarded for the best costume so start looking for that one-of-a-kind costume!

End-of-Year Holiday Party TBD. Sorry, we are still trying to work out a location and expect an email announcing the event the first week of November.

LOCAL

Please see "Gay Ole Holiday Party" announcement under **EVENTS** and consider attending this first ever community get-together.

Transgender College Support Group. Towson University has just started up a Transgender Support Group for college students. This group is open to any college student, not just Towson students. If you would like more information, please ask Kristy.

The Rainbow Rose Community is a non-



Several TransCentralPA members and guests enjoyed a hilarious, wonderful gender-bending performance by the Kinsey Sicks to celebrate the opening of the new Women's Center at Dickinson College.

profit service organization dedicated to strengthening the GLBT community by building a network of visible and safe businesses, organizations and environments to visit. See their website at (www.rainbowrosecommunity.org) for more information.

EVENTS

2008 Fall Harvest, (Nov 4 - 9) in Kansas City, MO. Fall Harvest began several years ago and was originally part of a group called the Mid America Gender Group Information Exchange (MAGGIE). MAGGIE was an alliance of gender support groups in the Midwest United States. Visit www.fallharvest.org

2008 Lake Erie Gala, (Nov 17-22) in Erie, PA. This is a 10th anniversary event complete with sightseeing trips, wine tasting, fashion shows, evening entertainment, casino night, etc. in Erie, PA. Visit www.eriesisters.org for details.

Gay Ole Holiday Party, (Nov 30) in Har-

risburg at 4:30 pm at Liquid891. This is a gathering of all 12 local, non-profit GLBTQ organizations including TransCentralPA. Proceeds from the party will be split amongst the participating groups. The primary objective is a meet & greet between the groups as well as a chance to socialize. Entertainment for the event includes a quartet from the Womyn's Chorus, Biscuit's Christmas for Kid's Drag Show, as well as a number of other performers. Please show your support and join us!

NCTEquality Fund Raiser. (Dec 2). NCTE is celebrating their 5 year anniversary with a benefit hosted by long-term advocate Kate Bornstein. Please join them at the Wolly Mammoth Theater in Washington DC. For more information, please visit the website at www.nctequality.org/anniversary.html.

IFGE Conference (Feb 2-8) will be held in Alexandria, VA. The discounted hotel

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room for the event is \$132, half the standard rate. The block of rooms available actually starts on Feb 2 and will go quickly, so make your reservations early at www.ifge.org/conference

Liberty 2009. Dr. Kristine James from TransEvents USA is looking for volunteers to help plan and organize the Liberty 2009 conference in Philadelphia Apr 30 – May 2. Volunteers will receive reduced or free registration to the event. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the conference, visit their website at www.transeventsusa.com



Our Managing Director Jeanine poses with members of Dr. Rauhut's psychology class at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Jeanine was there by invitation to speak to the class about the applicability of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) diagnoses.

Mark your Calendars!

Nov 1	TCPA Group Meeting 2009 Elections & Costume Contest
Nov 30	Gay Ole Holiday Party at Liquid891 at 4:30 pm
Dec 2	NCTE's 5-year Anniversary Benefit in Washington DC
Jan 3	TCPA Group Meeting
Feb 2-8	IFGE Conference, Alexandria, VA

Visit our website for more event info!



Our very own Sara poses with Pennsylvania girl Jennifer Boylan, author of "She's Not There" at the Southern Comfort Conference in Atlanta, GA

From the Managing Director



Jeanine Ruhsam

At the Southern Comfort Conference (www.sccatl.org) in Atlanta, Georgia on October 4th—exactly one month after Mara Keisling's presentation to TransCentralPA here in Harrisburg, PA—your Treasurer, Sara, and Director, Jeanine attended a reception hosted by the National Center for Transgender Equality (www.nctequality.org), and presented a check from our organization to show our support of the ongoing great work on the behalf of the Trans community by Mara and NCTE.

Yesterday my spouse Julia and I had the pleasure to attend the wedding of a dear friend of mine from my Washington, DC years to her Trans partner; Brooke & Andrea are the Publications Director and President, respectively, of the Transgender Education Association (www.tgea.org) of Washington, DC. Also present at their lovely wedding were Mara Keisling of NCTE, Denise Sinclair, director of IFGE (www.ifge.org), and TransCentralPA member Bree Ha. (who has regrettably to us, departed Harrisburg to work in DC), a board member of IFGE. I was pleased that Denise reaffirmed her commitment to come to Harrisburg to present a talk in the coming months to Tran-

sCentralPA on IFGE and its role in the Trans community.

Here, closer to home, at least nine members of our group congregated in Carlisle, PA last Saturday evening at the ATS auditorium to enjoy—howlingly!—a presentation of "Wake the Fuck Up America!" by the Kinsey Sicks (www.kinseysicks.com), hosted by the Women's Center of Dickinson College. Several of us enjoyed dinner at the California Café (www.calcafe.com) prior to the show.

Please support our organization and your own self (yes, it's good for you) by attending our meeting this coming weekend, wherein we conduct a vote on a bylaws amendment and our annual officer elections. To entice you a bit, we are dining *en costume* at Mangia Qui (www.mangiaqui.com) restaurant in Harrisburg from 5 to 8 pm or just before the meeting starts. I am advised that there is a costume contest at the meeting—with a worthwhile prize. Oh, yes: the occasion for the travesty is Halloween (not just the elections). And, I hear—the merriment continues, post meeting—at Liquid 891 with yet another costume contest!

With warm appreciation,

Jeanine Ruhsam

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