



TransCentralPA Newsletter

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GROUP

July Dinner We'll be meeting at Stock's on Second (www.stocksonsecond.com) for our July pre-meeting dinner on Saturday, July 11th at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Menu items are priced between \$15 and \$30 with most entrees around the \$22 range. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at info@transcentralpa.org.

July Meeting Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 11th, at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm for those needing to change. We will have our normal discussion groups, social time and some cookies. Also, we will talk about TransCentralPA's participation in the upcoming Pride Festival.

Special Invite for Transmen We are extending a special invite to the Transmen in the area to attend our July meeting. We've been getting a number of inquiries via our website from other Transmen looking to make contact. If you know any FTM individuals, please invite them to our meeting.

June Meeting Stats: We had 11 people join us for dinner at Café Fresco in June and 18 people attended the group meeting.

July Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Kay L., Thom B. and Jeanine R.

Red Roof Inn Discount for PRIDE! The Red Roof Inn has extended their deal to TransCentralPA for the weekend of Pride. Please call them directly. See ad on back for contact information and rates.

Announcements

New Link Visit our website's library under 'About Us' to see Dr. Cerise Richard's Presentation to the 2009 American Psychological Association's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

EVENTS

Ladies Night Out If you would like to join our friends in the Allentown/New Hope area for their monthly dinners on the 4th Saturday of the month, contact Emily at emilyplatt@netcarrier.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.

Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) Nov 14 at Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott to benefit the LGBT Community Center and Common Roads of Central Pennsylvania. www.centralpalgbtcenter.org

OTHER

Gender Identity Disorder Reform Take some time to visit www.gidreform.org. GID Reform Advocates are medical professionals, caregivers, scholars, researchers, and others who advocate reform of the psychiatric classification of gender diversity as mental disorder. They have a wealth of information concerning the issues of the DSM IV and upcoming DSM V.

See 'Announcements' on page 2...

HOT!

New Details for the Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival



The 2009 Central PA Pride Parade starts at 10:00 am Saturday, July 25th. **Please note that the parade route and formation areas have changed!** The parade will march on Second Street turning left on North Street for one block before turning south on Front Street to Walnut Street.

There are 3 different formation areas: 1) on Second Street between Walnut and Locust; (2) on Locust Street between Front and Second; and (3) on Locust Street between Second and Third. We will not know our location until a few days prior and will send out an email immediately thereafter. Please check your email the day prior to Pride. In any case, all three locations are near each other. Plan to be there Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

Our President Jeanine R. is organizing the parade participation, so please let her know if you plan to march. Remember, it's not only open to members, but also guest, friends, spouses, significant others, kids—so come join us! It is about a mile walk, and it's usually hot, so wear footwear and clothing that is comfortable and best projects the transgender person to the public.

The group has purchased 17 wristbands (which admit you to both the parade & festival) for the first people to commit to marching and/or helping 'man' TransCentralPA's booth. Please contact us by sending an email to info@transcentralpa.org.

Our meeting night is now the Second Saturday of the month

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

July is upon us and with it the Pride Festival of Central PA, held, as it has been for the past 17 years, in Harrisburg's lovely Riverfront Park. TransCentralPA will again participate, both with our information booth on the Festival grounds and also by marching behind our banner in the third annual Pride Parade, which winds it's way through the streets of our beautiful capitol city. This year's theme revolves around the 40th anniversary of Stonewall- which was launched by oppressed transgender people. Please find details for it in this newsletter... I ask all of you to participate- and ask your friends and supporters to come join us- and thus send a needed and powerful message to the larger Pennsylvania community that speaks of our numbers and our place in society and the workplace.

We are already working on the details of Keystone Conference 2010, to be held on March 9-14, once again at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey. We

have expanded to another day of seminars and workshops for next year's event, and are planning some exciting new additions. If you are interested in being involved, please contact one of the TransCentralPA officers.

Please mark your holiday season calendars for November 14: TransCentralPA has one table of ten reserved, and we'd like at least one more for FAB (Fall Achievement benefit) 2009, a formal dinner/dance affair hosted by the LGTB Community Center Coalition/Common Roads of Central Pennsylvania. This is OUR Holiday event! We of TransCentralPA have been working with the Coalition to be an integral part of what promises to be an elegant and amazing evening. So, Gentlemen, get your tuxes ready, and Ladies, find that gown- this will be a night to remember! We are planning a full weekend of it, as our regular meeting- which on this date is our yearly officer election- occurs at this time. So, stay tuned to www.TransCentralPA.org for more info as we get closer.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at dinner and the meeting on July 11th.

Warmly,
Jeanine

Calendar of Events

Bold items are TransCentralPA sponsored

Jul 11	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Jul 25	Central Pennsylvania PRIDE Harrisburg, PA
Jul 25	Trans-Masculine Alliance Mtg Baltimore, MD
Jul 25	Tran-quality Meeting Baltimore, MD
Aug 8	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Sep 12	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Sep 22	Southern Comfort Conference Atlanta, GA
Oct 10	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Oct 18	Fantasia Fair Provincetown, MA
Nov 14	Fall Achievement Benefit Lancaster, PA
Dec 12	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for more event info!

Special Deal for Members & Guests!

		Standard Room	All-inclusive Business King
	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.			

Announcements (continued)

Trans-inclusive ENDA On June 24 Representative Barney Frank introduced H.R. 3017, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act which is substantially the same as the transgender inclusive bill introduced two years ago.

NJ Driver Licenses The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission announced late last month that it amended its policy toward gender changes on licenses to facilitate the process for transgender individuals, allowing them to change their gender markers before their sexual-reassignment surgery is complete.

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