



TransCentralPA Newsletter

Serving the Transgender Community of Central Pennsylvania since 1989

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Announcements

GROUP

August Dinner We'll be meeting at Café Fresco (www.cafefresco.com) for our August pre-meeting dinner on Saturday, August 8th at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Menu items are priced between \$9 and \$26 with most entrees around the \$19 range. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at info@transcentralpa.org.

August Meeting Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 8th 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 as well as an outline of the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

August Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Michelle C., Sharon W., Trina B. and Carol W., If I missed your birthday, I'm sorry! But please send me an email so I can fix it (...the announcement, not your age)!

July Meeting Stats: We had 14 people join us for dinner at Stock's on Second in July and 36 people attended the group meeting.

2009 Pridefest Thanks to everyone who participated in the Central Pennsylvania Pridefest! We had 20 people march in the parade and even more who helped out with the booth. We've had several inquiries from other Transgender individuals and interested parties because of our involvement.

EVENTS

ROSE York is having Nightingale Health Services at their Aug 15 meeting to discuss the pros and cons of hormone therapy. Visit their website at RenaissanceSEP.org

2009 Southern Comfort Conference, Sep 22-27 in Atlanta, GA. SCC is the largest transgender conference in the country. Visit www.sccatl.org



TransCentralPA marching in the Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival Parade on Saturday, July 25th

for more information and to register. The hotel is always sold out so make your reservations early.

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

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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.

What a wonderful presentation we all made representing the Transgender community in the Central PA PrideFest Unity Parade this past Saturday! Thank you all for participating...we certainly made an impression! There were 20 of us, almost double the number of last year, marching behind our banner held so well & proudly by Jack and Lisa. We are an amazing and quietly powerful group of people, and our participation and presence was well noticed.

Thank you, again, to all who helped staff and populate our booth at the Pride Festival, and to circulate amongst the others helping them become more familiar with what transgender people are.

At our September meeting we will conduct a membership vote to accept the proposed changes to our bylaws. This amendment, posted on the website, is basically due to requirements to conform to standard non-profit organization protocol, and to better enable our group to function. Like our own paths through life, change is inevitable...but, it is not the des-

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

...tination, but the journey that we must keep focused on! We are all in transition, and so is our group as a whole, constantly seeking to better serve its members.

In past years we have had our officer elections for the next year at our November meeting, because we've had a Holiday Get Away weekend in lieu of our December meeting. That is changing this year. Some of you may recall that we were trying well over a year ago to organize a Holiday party in conjunction with the larger LGB community. Well, it's happened, and it is FAB! The Fall Achievement Benefit 2009 is a formal dinner dance, black tie-optional affair hosted by the LGTB Community Center Coalition/Common Roads

of CentralPA. Please see the links and information in this newsletter. I am acting as a "table captain" and taking reservations and collecting payments for the evening, so please contact me in person through our website email. We are participating in a large (over 500 people) Holiday party for the Central PA LGTB community on November 14 in Lancaster PA. As your President and as a liaison with the LGB community, I volunteered for and have been on the planning committee of FAB, to ensure that we are well represented and sure of a wonderful time at this glam affair. We'll not be having a meeting that night, but we will be having our regular monthly meeting on December 12 when we'll conduct our annual officer election.

Warmly,
Jeanine

Calendar of Events

Bold items are TransCentralPA sponsored

Aug 8	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Sep 12	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Sep 22	<u>Southern Comfort Conference</u> Atlanta, GA
Oct 10	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Oct 18	<u>Fantasia Fair</u> Provincetown, MA
Nov 4	<u>Beauty at the Beach</u> Rehoboth Beach, DE
Nov 14	Fall Achievement Benefit Lancaster, PA
Nov 16	<u>Lake Erie Gala</u> Erie, PA
Dec 12	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for more event info!

Announcements (continued)

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.

National Center for Transgender Equality announces on Jun 24, Rep Barney Frank, along with 118 co-sponsors, announced the introduction of a fully inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) - which would extend the existing federal law prohibiting employment discrimination to protect people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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Saturday, November 14, 2009

The event includes dinner, dancing, awards, silent auction and more. Proceeds from FAB 2009 will benefit the LGBT Center Coalition serving Central Pennsylvania.

Common Roads and the LGBT Community Center Coalition have merged. This is great news for the community-at-large. Now both organizations (Common Roads & LGBT Center Coalition) will be able merge resources and continue to provide much needed services to area LGBT youth and adults, alike.

FAB, the new group's premier fundraiser will be held Saturday, November 14th 2009 at the Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster, PA.

The LGBT Community Center Coalition of central PA requests the honor of your presence:

FAB

Fall Achievement Benefit

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2009

Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

TICKET PRICING

VIP Ticket \$150 per person

VIP Ticket includes:

- VIP Reception
- Classic Reception
- Silent Auction
- Main Event & Dinner
- After-FAB Party Access
- 3x Complimentary Drink Tickets.

Classic Ticket \$75 per person

Classic Ticket includes:

- Classic Reception
- Silent Auction
- Main Event & Dinner
- After-FAB Party Access
- Complimentary drink ticket

"I just wanna Dance!!" Ticket
\$20 per person

Dance Only Ticket includes:

- Access to After-Party @ 10:00 pm
- Complimentary drink ticket

VIP RECEPTION 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy mingling & meeting the evening's Special Guests, Hosts, LGBT Center Board Members, and local dignitaries and celebrities. The evening's high caliber atmosphere is kicked off with a performance by the truly talented jazz vocals of CoCo & Company. VIP ticket holders will have a sneak peek opportunity preview the silent auction & 15/15 art exhibit items. Available to VIP ticket holders only. Cash Bar & hors d'oeuvres.

CLASSIC RECEPTION 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mingle with friends, and BID, BID, BID on the incredible silent auction items. The 15/15 Art Exhibit pieces will be also available for silent auction tonight! Meet new friends, and enjoy old friends. FAB 2009 is going to be a night of memories. The talented sounds of local musicians will sift through the air as the night begins to take shape. Cash Bar & hors d'oeuvres.

MAIN EVENT & DINNER 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

A seated dinner will be served. XXXX XXXX, Mistress/Master of Ceremonies, will lead us through the evening's program: Video & Award Presentations & Special Guest, Eric Alva. VIP & Classic Tickets Only. Cash Bar.

AFTER-FAB PARTY 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

The night isn't over... and be sure to pack your dancing shoes. The party is just getting started with the iconic abilities of DJ Freeze. Staging/Set Design/Lighting by Shumaker PDT.

CO-CHAIRS

Don Blyler, III
Patti Bucek

STEERING COMMITTEE

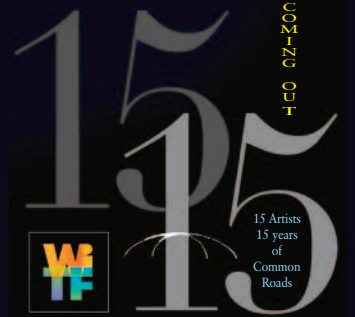
Frank Carano, DDS
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Melody Keim
Louie Marven
Kate Mull
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Michelle Simmons
Kiz Smith
Luci Stone
Bryan Tate
Alexander Reber
Jeanine Ruhsam

Eric Alva
Special Guest

XXXX XXXXX
Mistress/Master of Ceremonies

CoCo & Company
VIP Reception

DJ Freeze
After-FAB Dance



Special Thanks to,



Attire:
Black-tie optional

For More Information, or to Purchase Tickets, Please Call: 717.920.9534