



TransCentralPA Newsletter

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Announcements

GROUP

September Dinner is at Carley's Ristorante (www.carleysristorante.com) on Saturday, September 12 at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Menu items are priced between \$7 and \$25 with most entrees around the \$20 range. They have 'family' pricing which allows a reduced price for 2 of the same entrée. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at info@transcentralpa.org.

September Meeting is Saturday, September 12 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.

September Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Jennifer Houk and belated birthday wishes to Katie Ward and Crystal Thorne who also celebrated another full circle around the sun in August.

August Meeting Stats: We had 11 people join us for dinner at Café Fresco in August and 32 people attended the group meeting.

Rocky Horror Picture Show starring our very own Rachel L. at the Little Theater of Mechanicsburg. Tickets on sale through Sep. Visit www.ltmonline.net for more info. Join TransCentralPA for the midnight showing on Sep 12.

Keystone Conference 2010 It's official! The contract has been signed with the Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel for March 11-13, 2010. The conference website should be up in a couple of weeks. If you would like to volunteer or have any thoughts or ideas, please share them with Jeanine R. or Kristy S.

Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) Nov 14 at Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott to benefit the

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FALL ACHIEVEMENT BENEFIT

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Come join us at the new and beautiful Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to mingle, dine and dance the night away at the 2009 Fall Achievement Benefit. Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) is a celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in central Pennsylvania. We promise an evening of great friendships, wonderful dinner, community awards presentation, and dancing all night long.

Proceeds from FAB 2009 will benefit the LGBT Center Coalition and Common Roads which have recently merged resources to better serve area LGBT youth and adults, alike. The Central Pennsylvania LGBT Center Coalition is a volunteer-led effort to create a regionally representative community center that is both a location and a unifying point for central Pennsylvania's large, diverse and multi-county LGBT population.

As a member of the LGBT Community Center Coalition, TransCentralPA is happy to support and participate in the Fall Achievement Benefit and has volunteered to help advertise this exquisite event to the Transgender Community and our friends, family and allies. We have several tables already reserved for TransCentralPA members & guests so come join us!



Tickets to FAB can only be purchased through 'Table Captains.' TransCentralPA has volunteered to be one and has set up a webpage to register and pay (you may also elect to pay via check or money order).

To reserve your seat with us, please visit the webpage below and complete the online registration. Reserve your tickets early. They are expecting a sold-out event with 500+ guests so don't delay!

www.TransCentralPA.org/FAB.htm

They are expecting the event to sell out with about 500+ attendees so don't delay!



National Equality March in Washington, DC

Sunday, October 11th, 2009

See page 3 for details!

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

I was just outside tonight (nine PM) taking our new puppy Ruby on her night-time duty and noticed- shivering- for the first time, the chill in the air and the heightened call of the Cicadas: Fall is almost here, and Winter not far behind. The circle of the seasons, and of life itself, is so amazing...and holy. To think that an epiphany can exist in a night's cold dew with a chorus of multitudes of insects...is awesome.

So, too, the amazing changes we Trans People go through as we shift our spirits and shapes to adapt to the changing cycles and seasons of our lives and the world we live in. Right now one our members has just gone through GRS abroad in his quest for such wholeness...and another of our members has a new legal name, to match her appearance. We are a blessed and gifted group of people. Our path is usually difficult, but ever so fulfilling: in our journey through the circle of life we are learning that the goal is one of being authentic. In our search to find and express our true nature we learn to be humble, to love ourselves, to better love life itself, and thus to show others what love and respect we have earned and deserve.

The Fall Achievement Benefit- FAB is now on the horizon of the next of our "must do" activities for the year (right there with the *Keystone Conference* and *CentralPA Pride*). Tran-

sCentralPA is on the planning committee of FAB, working to insure that the Trans community is well represented and a huge part of this festive, social Holiday dinner/dance party sponsored by the LGBT Community Center Coalition (of which I am a board member representing our interests). FAB is TransCentralPA's Holiday Party, and we are all quite excited about it. Kristy has set up a registration page on our website at: www.transcentralpa.org/FAB.htm

We have signed the contract for *Keystone Conference 2010*! It is officially set for March 11-13, 2010 at the Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel, and will be expanded from the 2009 conference to include more workshops and more social activities. We plan to keep the format much the same, as our feedback from those who attended was full of praise. The planning committee for *Keystone Conference 2010* will meet later this month, and we'll soon be needing volunteers to help make it again the resounding success it was this year.

Warmly,
Jeanine



Calendar of Events

Bold items are TransCentralPA sponsored

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 4	Beauty at the Beach Rehoboth Beach, DE
Nov 14	Fall Achievement Benefit Lancaster, PA (No regular TCPA Dinner or Meeting in lieu of FAB)
Nov 16	Lake Erie Gala Erie, PA
Dec 12	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting
Mar 11-13	Keystone Conference 2010 Harrisburg, PA

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.

The **KEYSTONE CONFERENCE**
A Celebration of Gender Diversity

March 11th—13th, 2010 in Harrisburg, PA

Announcements (continued)

LGBT Community Center and Common Roads of Central Pennsylvania. Don't miss out on this fun and meaningful evening! We already have over a dozen people signed up and we haven't officially started advertising yet!

EVENTS

National Equality March Oct 11 in Washington DC. For more info, visit www.EqualityAcrossAmerica.org

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.

OTHER

ENDA On Tuesday, Sep 8, the National Center for Transgender Equality will be hosting a conference call to bring you up to date and let you know how you can help get the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) passed. Visit their website at www.nctequality.org for more information and to register.

Secure Flight On Aug 17, The [Transportation Security Administration](http://www.transportation-security-administration.gov) (TSA) rolled out a new phase of their Secure Flight program over the weekend. Passengers will now be required to provide their birth date and gender when they book an airline ticket as part of a move to help distinguish passengers from those on the government's "watch list" (often called the "no-fly" list). NCTE has issued a new [FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#) about the Secure Flight program and its impact on transgender people. The resource includes information about how to navigate the new process, particularly if you have identification that does not match your gender presentation.

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**NATIONAL
EQUALITY
MARCH**

WASHINGTON, DC
OCT 10-11, 2009

www.nationalequalitymarch.com

LGBT Center joins March on Washington efforts

The LGBT Community Center Coalition is coordinating buses to the National Equality March in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 11, 2009. Come join people from all over the country to show support for LGBT people. Details on our bus trip below:

- Bus will leave from Camp Hill GIANT at 7:00 am
- Bus will stop at Club XS at 7:45 am to pick up York and Reading contingencies
- Arrive in Washington D.C. (location TBD) at 10:00 am
- March will start at 12:00 pm
- Rally will start at 2:00 pm on the West Lawn of the Capitol
- Buses will depart Washington D.C. at 7:00 pm

Seats are \$25/person. All money for seats must be turned into Sean Maloney from the LGBT Center NO LATER THAN Monday, September 21 at 5:00 pm. Make Checks Payable to: **LGBT Community Center Coalition of Central PA**

For more information about the March visit: www.nationalequalitymarch.com

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For more information about the Central Pennsylvania LGBT Center Coalition visit:
www.centralpalgbtcenter.org