



# TransCentralPA Newsletter

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## Keystone Registration Rates

### GROUP

**February Dinner** will be at Bricco ([www.briccopa.com](http://www.briccopa.com)) for our pre-meeting dinner on Saturday, February 6 at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Bricco is a Mediterranean and Tuscan styled restaurant with pizzas and primi's priced \$11 to \$22 and full entrees priced \$24 to \$38. Bricco is associated with the Olewine School of Culinary Arts at Harrisburg Area Community College. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at [info@transcentralpa.org](mailto:info@transcentralpa.org).

**February Meeting** is Saturday, February 6 at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm for those needing to change. **There will be no meeting on Saturday, February 13.**

**"After Hours"** is TransCentralPA's newest event! So many have asked us to find a place to gather after our meetings that provides a great atmosphere to enjoy a drink and a little bite to eat while continuing to mingle and socialize. Bricco ([www.briccopa.com](http://www.briccopa.com)), one of the top restaurant/bars in Harrisburg, is very eager and excited to help us start this new event! In fact, they are offering a special drink and late night snack menu specifically for us! **After Hours** is a return to a smooth and sophisticated evening scene and open to everyone. So please help us spread the word and come check out our new venue! There is no cover charge and ample parking across the street.

**Keystone Package Full Event (Thu-Sat)**

**Weekender Package (Friday & Saturday)**

**Friday & Saturday Conference & Lunch**

**All-Day Saturday Package**

**Saturday Conference & Lunch**

**Saturday Conference Only**

**Keystone Gala Dinner & Dance (Saturday Evening)**

Early Bird (by Feb 15)	Normal Rate (after Feb 15)	At-the- Door Rate (after Mar 8)
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\$149	\$169	\$189
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\$135	\$155	\$175
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\$115	\$135	\$155
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\$100	\$120	\$140
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\$55	\$65	\$75
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\$30	\$40	\$50
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\$50	\$60	\$70
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**Want to Save and help TransCentralPA?** We will be selling at our February meeting as a fundraiser, special Bon-Ton Coupon Booklets with discounts ranging from \$10 off to 30% off items in the store—good on regular and sale priced items. These booklets are available for **ONLY \$5!!!** We're serious! And you can buy more than one booklet!

**January Meeting Stats:** We had 11 people attend dinner and 28 people attend the meeting.

**2010 Membership Dues** are \$40. 2010 Membership applications are available on our website and at our meetings. 2009 members can renew

online. Email us at [info@transcentralpa.org](mailto:info@transcentralpa.org) for directions. Dues are used to pay for meeting space, program literature, our website and our affiliation with and support of community groups and activities such as Common Roads, the Community Center, Central Pennsylvania Pride, etc. Please continue to support our organization and efforts by joining or renewing your membership—we are making a difference!

**Red Roof Inn Discount.** We have negotiated a rate of \$42.99/night for

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

[www.TransCentralPA.org/Keystone.htm](http://www.TransCentralPA.org/Keystone.htm) **March 11th—13th**

## From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

We are now in February, the shortest, coldest month of the year. It's an odd little transition month, one that we seem to shiver our way quickly through as we long for spring. It'll be a short and full one for the Transgender community, as there are so many programs and events happening in the few short weeks before March.

As you'll see elsewhere, we moved our monthly meeting up to the first Saturday of the month, as we didn't want to have conflicts with the many events taking place on Valentines Day, among them the annual dinner dance <http://www.cpwchorus.org/valentinesday.html> put on by the Womyn's Chorus of Central PA- to which we are all invited.

Many of us are busily working on all the programs and happenings for our *Keystone Conference 2010: a Celebration of Gender Diversity* on March 11-13. It's bigger and more educational and fun than we thought possible this year! We need volunteers to assist with a myriad of tasks, so please contact us through the website to ask what you can do

to help. We'll announce some of the things that are most needing attention at our meeting on Saturday February 6.

Our outreach program is full & varied this month. A few of us are giving a presentation this week for *Curve*, the youth group organized by Planned Parenthood of York. Later in the month we are hosting a panel presentation at the GSA Summit at Dickinson College in Carlisle called *Building Trans-Inclusive Communities*, which is a workshop to help students and teachers better understand, include and support transgender people on campus- and off.

In the meantime, several of our Transwomen are rehearsing their parts for the performance of the *Vagina Monologues*, which will be presented on March 24 & 28 at Penn State University, Middletown Campus.

We'll be having our monthly dinner at *Bricco* (site of our *After Hours* night club event) at six o'clock this coming Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Warmly,

Jeanine



## Calendar of Events

*Bold items are TransCentralPA sponsored*

Feb 6	TCPA Dinner <a href="#">TCPA Group Meeting</a> 'After Hours' @ Bricco
Feb 6	<a href="#">Freedom to Marry Week</a> in PA
Feb 13	<b>NO TransCentralPA Meeting</b>
Feb 13	<a href="#">Central PA Womyn's Chorus</a> Valentines' Dinner & Dance
Feb 20	<b>Queen of Winter Hearts Ball at Club XS, York, PA</b>
Feb 20	ROSE Meeting York, PA
Feb 26	<b>3rd Annual GSA Summit Dickinson College, PA</b>
Mar 11	<a href="#">Keystone Conference 2010</a> Harrisburg, PA
Mar 13	<b>No TransCentralPA Meeting</b> Join us at the Keystone Conference instead!
Mar 21	Fairy Feast at Bubes Brewery Mt. Joy, PA
Apr 10	TCPA Dinner <a href="#">TCPA Group Meeting</a> 'After Hours' @ Bricco
Apr 17	'Spring Fling' to benefit Central PA Pride in Harrisburg, PA
May 8	TCPA Dinner <a href="#">TCPA Group Meeting</a> 'After Hours' @ Bricco

Visit [www.TransCentralPA.org](http://www.TransCentralPA.org) for more event info!



Hosted by TransCentralPA, *After Hours* is a return to a smooth and sophisticated evening scene. Open to all, *After Hours* provides an opportunity to mingle and socialize in an inclusive and friendly atmosphere at one of the top restaurant/bars in Harrisburg. So for great conversation, friendship and more, please join us at [Bricco](http://www.briccopa.com) ([www.briccopa.com](http://www.briccopa.com)) on Saturday, February 6. There is no cover charge for this event!

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**Announcements (continued)**

2010 for both TransCentralPA members and guests. To take advantage of this special offer, call the hotel directly at (717) 939-1331 and use the rate code "TCPA". They also are offering a special price for their Business King suites, too. Ask them for details.

**Keystone Conference 2010** early registration closes February 15th! The presenters and workshop leaders and topics are now posted on the website. Also, don't forget to reserve your room early at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. We completely filled up our initial block of rooms and have negotiated a deal with the hotel to double it (and if need be, triple it). We are expecting a very full conference so don't delay!

**Keystone Volunteers needed!** Want to participate in the fastest growing Transgender Conference in the Country? Please see Jeanine or Kristy if you are interested in helping out.

**Congratulations** to Tina B.! She is the winner of our Keystone Conference 'Free Night Stay' drawing.

**EVENTS**

**Freedom to Marry Week** starts Feb 6. Visit [www.freedomtomarry.org](http://www.freedomtomarry.org) for more information.

**A Valentine's Dinner & Dance** is Saturday, Feb 13 and is being hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus. Come and enjoy a sumptuous buffet and great dance music, and celebrate Valentine's Day. Come as a couple, with friends, or single

(you just never know) and have a fantastic time. Proceeds benefit the Central PA Womyn's Chorus. Visit their website [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.cpwchorus.org) for more details. Everyone is welcome!

**Queen of Winter Hearts Ball** is Saturday, Feb 20 at Club XS ([www.clubxsyork.com](http://www.clubxsyork.com)) in York, PA.

**ROSE** is hosting guest speaker Kim Rosenberg, a therapist from Lancaster County, on Saturday, Feb 20 at Mt Zion Lutheran Church in York, PA. She will discuss therapy and counseling for the transgendered.

**A 'Spring Fling'** is being held April 17 at the Four Points Sheraton in Harrisburg, PA to benefit Central PA Pride. Visit their website at [www.prideofcentralpa.org](http://www.prideofcentralpa.org) for more info.

**Bubes Brewery** in Mt Joy is having a Fairy Feast in the catacombs on Sunday, March 21st to celebrate the Vernal Equinox with the creatures from mythology as an Earth Holiday. Costumes are optional but will add to the fun.

**OTHER**

Amanda Simpson, a Transwoman and who has served on NCTE's Board of Directors for the past three years, has been appointed by the Obama Administration as a Senior Technical Advisor to the Department of Commerce. She'll be working in the Bureau of Industry and Security.




**\$42.99**  
**Special Deal for TransCentralPA!**

For 2010, we have negotiated the above rate at the Red Roof Inn on Eisenhower Blvd (across from Liquid891). Call the hotel directly at (717) 939-1331 to reserve the room under the "TCPA" rate.



**Free Admission**  
to TransCentralPA Members on the second Saturday of the month.



Monday	CLOSED		
Tuesday	CLOSED		
Wednesday	CLOSED		
Thursday	8:00pm	to	11:00pm
Friday	8:00pm	to	2:00am
Saturday	8:00pm	to	2:00am
Sunday	Open For Special Events Only		

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