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GROUP

No March Dinner or Meeting! Everyone will be at the Keystone Conference so please join us there! Normal registration for the conference ends March 8th.

February Snowstorm/Meeting As you may know, we had changed our meeting date in February to the first Saturday since our normal meeting date was falling on Valentine's Weekend. Well, Mother Nature had other plans for us so we moved it back to the 13th. Sorry for all the confusion, but we really wanted to have one last meeting prior to the conference. Thanks to all who showed up.

"After Hours" will not be held in March because we all will be at the Keystone Gala Dinner & Dance on Saturday, March 13th. So join us there!

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 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!

Keystone Conference Update

Less than 2 weeks to go until the Keystone Conference! Registration ends on March 8th so tell your friends and associates to register soon! It looks like we will have about 200 people attending the conference. And we still have a little more than 2 week of registration to go! The more the merrier, so sign up now!

Hotel

The hotel is offering to hold the conference rate of \$99 through March 1st based upon availability. So far we have exceeded our initial block of rooms, our 2nd block of rooms and we are now on our third block of rooms.

Thursday

We have 4 workshops scheduled on Thursday and contracted a shuttle bus service to take attendees from the hotel to Hollywood Casino and Penn National Race Track in the evening for dinner and entertainment.

Friday

We have 16 workshops scheduled, our lunch program "Portraying a Positive Image," the Keystone Reception, a FTM-only reception and bus service to take everyone downtown to Harrisburg for dinner and fun! The number of attendees for the Friday night dinner and clubbing has far exceeded our initial estimates. We are expecting over 100 people to come with us for dinner in downtown Harrisburg and have made reservations at several restaurants downtown including Bricco, Stock's on Second, Carley's Café Fresco and Mangia Qui. So, instead of patronizing just one restaurant, we have made

reservations for parties of 15-20.

This will also permit attendees the ability to select which restaurant they want to go to depending upon menu selection and price, and even dining entertainment (one restaurant is a piano bar). After dinner, we have made plans to meet at Level 2 on Second Street for pre-clubbing fun.

The shuttle bus will run continuously from the hotel to the restaurants, then down a few more blocks to the bars and clubs such as Stallions, Neptune Lounge, 704 Strawberry Café, Brownstone and Suba, and then back to the hotel.

Saturday

We have quite a line-up of speakers and presenters for 24 workshops on Saturday as well as some excellent food and musical entertainment from our very own Crystal T. and the 'Burning House' band. Please help us spread the word that the Keystone Gala Dinner and Dance is open to the entire community!

Please check out the website for the most current information. The **Keystone Conference 2010** normal registration closes March 8th! The presenters and workshop leaders and topics are now posted on the website.

**Normal
Registration
Ends...
March 8th**



From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

It is amazing to realize that three weeks from now we'll all be winding up the last workshops and getting ready for the finale gala dinner & dance at our own *Keystone Conference 2010!*

This year's second annual event, held again at the clean & pretty Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey, is bigger and better than last year's ambitious launch, which saw some one-hundred fifty attendees and participants. *Keystone Conference 2010* has well over twice as many workshops and seminars, a few new programs- including an entire series for and by Trans men- and a live eight-piece dance band.

Thank to all of you who helped last year, and who are lending your time and help this year; I am really very proud of all who have worked together to make this vision become a great success. We are doing a great service to our own Trans community as well as the general community of this region in staging this event.

We need to ensure our success, though. Please encourage people you know to attend- it's not too late. Please register yourself, if you haven't. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit group that exists only through the participation and support of members, friends and supporters of the Transgender community.

Please step forward and ask to volunteer to help at the conference itself: we need ushers, registrars and general staff for Thursday morning through Sunday morning. We'll not be having another general membership meeting prior to the Keystone Conference, so please contact any of your officers, or your two event chairs- Kristy Snow or myself, Jeanine Ruhsam, here at info@transcentralpa.org. Please plan to attend, and volunteer to help if you are able- it will be appreciated by everyone!

Warm wishes,

Jeanine



Come join us for worship and friendship!

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Calendar of Events

Bold items are TransCentralPA sponsored

Mar 11	Keystone Conference 2010 Harrisburg, PA
Mar 13	No TransCentralPA Meeting Join us at the Keystone Conference instead!
Apr 10	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting 'After Hours' @ Bricco
Apr 17	'Spring Fling' to benefit Central PA Pride in Harrisburg, PA
May 8	TCPA Dinner TCPA Group Meeting 'After Hours' @ Bricco

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for more event info!



\$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.

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	Normal Rate (after Feb 15)	At-the-Door Rate (after Mar 8)
Keystone Package Full Event (Thu-Sat)	\$169	\$189
Weekender Package (Friday & Saturday)	\$155	\$175
Friday & Saturday Conference & Lunch	\$135	\$155
All-Day Saturday Package	\$120	\$140
Saturday Conference & Lunch	\$65	\$75
Saturday Conference Only	\$40	\$50
Keystone Gala Dinner & Dance (Saturday Evening)	\$60	\$70