



TransCentralPA Newsletter

Serving the Transgender Community of Central Pennsylvania since 1989

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Announcements

August's Dinner is at Home 231 (www.home231.com). Please RSVP by Friday, August 10 if you plan to attend at info@transcentralpa.org.

August's Meeting is Saturday, August 11 at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm for those needing to change.

After Hours is at Stock's on 2nd Stock's (www.stocksonsecond.com). Stock's offers the opportunity to mingle and socialize in a friendly atmosphere as well as an opportunity to dance to some great music. So for great conversation, friendship and more, please join us at Stock's on 2nd. There is no cover charge!

August Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Cecilia Sw., Michelle, Cr., Robyn He., Jennifer Mc., Wendy Sw., Katie Wa., Trina Br., Crystal Th., Sharon Wa. and Carol Wi. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2012 Membership dues are a one-time annual fee of \$25. 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



Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Central Pennsylvania Pride Parade & Festival

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!

Save the Date! The 2013 Keystone Conference will be held March 13-16 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Although conference registration will not open until December, the hotel is now taking room reservations. Please visit the Keystone website (www.Keystone-Conference.org) for more information and a link to the

Sheraton's website.

Red Roof Inn Discount. We have negotiated a rate of \$42.99/night for 2012 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 for details.

Central PA Pride Thank you to those who marched with us in the Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival and Pa-

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"Improving Access to High Quality Care for LGBT Communities"



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Chief Medical Officer

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Health Resources and Services Administration

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 12 noon in C3621.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Rose Baron at Diversity@hmc.psu.edu



Special thanks are due to Danni, Wendy and Randi for stepping up to manage the parade and booth for TransCentralPA's participation in the Unity Parade and PrideFest at Harrisburg's pride festival last weekend. I'd like to thank all of you who marched in the parade and shared time under our canopy, too.

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

It's time to put FAB on your calendar: the Fall Achievement Benefit, which is a formal dinner dance event put on by our LGBT Community Center of Central PA. This year it will be here in Harrisburg at the Hilton on Saturday night November 10. Twenty six of us attended last year when it was staged at the Lancaster Marriot. TransCentralPA will again be filling its own reserved tables. I'll be there, and I look forward to being with all of you in our finery, once again showing the 400 plus attendees that the Transwomen are the most glamorous and the Transmen the most dashing of all guests! We'll post information and registration instructions on our website as soon as it is released by the LGBT Center.

Keystone Conference 2013 is rapidly taking form and we welcome volunteers that wish to help. Our organizational efforts will ensure that your service will be painless (but, you that have helped already know that!), and it's fun and rewarding to boot! *KC2013* will be even bigger, better and more fun than the past four years! This year's gender conferences are winding down (Southern Comfort Conference, the largest, occurs on September 18-22) and once again Keystone will be the second best attended such event in the entire USA. Thank you all for helping us achieve that accomplishment!

With warm regards,

Jeanine Ruhsam

Calendar of Events

Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored

Aug 9	The Curve —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Aug 10	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Aug 11	TransCentralPA Meeting Dinner @ Home 231 Meeting @ MCC of the Spirit After Hours @ Stock's
Aug 17	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Aug 18	Laptop Lounge King of Prussia, PA
Aug 19	Camp Highlight Wernersville, PA
Aug 23	The Curve —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Aug 24	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Aug 25	ROSE Meeting York, PA
Aug 31	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Sep 1	TGEA Meeting Arlington, VA
Sep 1	Laptop Lounge King of Prussia, PA
Sep 6	Transsexual Education Group Harrisburg, PA
Sep 6	The Curve —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Sep 8	TransCentralPA Meeting Dinner @ Stock's on Second Meeting @ MCC of the Spirit After Hours @ Stock's
Sep 18	Southern Comfort Conference Atlanta, GA
Oct 14	Fantasia Fair Provincetown, MA
Oct 26	Transcending Boundaries Conference Springfield, MA
Nov 10	Fall Achievement Benefit Harrisburg, PA

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for details & more event info!



Saturday, November 10th

at the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg, PA

Join us for an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, and celebration as we support Common Roads and the LGBT Community Center of Central Pennsylvania.

'Announcements' (continued)...

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ROSE Meeting Change Renaissance of Southeastern Pennsylvania (ROSE) Transgender Support Group now meets the 4th Saturday of the month in York. Doors open at 7:30 pm, the meeting begins at 8:30 pm and ends around 11:00 pm. For more information, visit their website at www.renaissancesep.org

Trans-Summer Camp Parents have a new and welcome option this summer for their transgender or gender non-conforming child -- a weeklong, overnight summer camp called Camp

Aranu'tiq (www.camparanutiq.org) Its organizers recently held a reception in the Boston area to introduce the program. In attendance were several new-age parents who, instead of rejecting their child's persistent gender non-conformity, are seeking ways to be understanding and helpful.

Trans Aging Lambda Legal recently put out a guide for older Transgender individuals. Visit their [website](#) to view it.

Have an announcement? Email it to us at info@TransCentralPA.org





Out and Active

New program encourages the LGBT Community and Allies to get active, experience new things and learn about their bodies.

Alder Health Services believes that to improve individual and community health outcomes, individuals must have the ability to participate in a host of programs and activities designed to engage their minds, bodies and spirits. Each quarter (every three months) a new schedule of programs, forums and activities will be published in which members of the community will be encouraged to participate.

While any member of the community is welcome to participate in all of the programs and services of Alder Health, the Out and Active Programs are specifically designed and created to meet the unique needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to create an opportunity for members of the community

to interact and engage with one another in a healthy, active and supportive environment. Activities range from fitness classes such as Boot Camp to Cooking Classes and Just for Fun trips that events and locations throughout the area.

Everyone at Alder Health Services hopes that you enjoy our first offerings as a part of our new Out and Active Program. Take the time to try something new, experience something different, and learn about yourself all while meeting other members of the community.

To view a complete copy of the July to September 2012 Out and Active Program please visit www.alderhealth.org/outandactive or call 1.800.867.1550 to request that a copy be mailed to you.

Health and Politics

On October 4, 2012, Governor Howard Dean, will be joining Alder Health Services to discuss the intersection of politics and health in America and how we can achieve a quality healthcare system for all in the United States.

**Thursday, October 4, 2012 - 7PM
Whitaker Center - Harrisburg**

A physician by education, Gov. Dean is the former governor of Vermont and was a candidate for the Democratic Presidential Nomination in 2004. Following the 2004



election cycle, Gov. Dean served as the Chair of the Democratic National Committee and continues to be a tireless advocate for health and healthcare reform in the United States.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, and tickets to Gov. Dean's Lecture please call 1.800.867.1550 or email Health and Politics.

To Purchase Tickets for Gov. Dean's lecture please visit Whitaker Center Box Office or call 717.214.ARTS



NCTE Releases Student's "Know Your Rights" Guide

Following the Obama Administration's groundbreaking [letter](#) to primary and some secondary schools clarifying who is protected under Title IX, courts and federal agencies have concluded that discrimination or harassment because a person is transgender or gender non-conforming constitute sex discrimination.

To help students understand and assert their rights in schools, the National Center for Transgender Equality is releasing *Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students: Your Rights at School*, a new resource that outlines the laws protecting trans people in school and steps for bringing harassment and discrimination complaints to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights.

In the [National Transgender Discrimination Survey](#), participants who expressed a transgender identity or gender nonconformity while in grades K-12 faced alarming obstacles:

- Seventy-eight percent reported harassment
- Thirty-five percent reported physical assault
- Twelve percent reported sexual violence
- Fifteen percent reported leaving school
- Fifty-one percent of participants who were harassed/bullied in school reported attempting suicide, compared to 1.6% of the general population

These shocking numbers show how important it is that all members of a school community work together to fight against discrimination. Anyone, including friends, family, and school staff, can file a complaint. Complaints do not need to be filed by the person(s) experiencing the bullying, harassment or discrimination. More details on filing complaints, as well as other options and resources, are available in our new guide.

Download the guide [here](#).

Are you a parent or other family member of someone who is transitioning? Would you like someone to talk to who has been there and came to terms with his own daughter's transition? David Garrett is available to chat with you about concerns and questions that you may have about transgender family members. Feel free to call and have a confidential conversation with him at 717-580-3405.



Trans-Headliners

Below are several news stories, blogs, opinions and resources for your reading pleasure. Opinions & views in these links cannot be assumed to be of TransCentralPA, nor the Officers or Members of TransCentralPA. Our goal is to simply provide you with information & thought-provoking viewpoints. If you would like to submit a story, please email us at info@TransCentral.org

[Exclusive DC Office of Human Rights to Launch Anti-Transgender Discrimination Campaign](#)

[Against Me!'s Tom Gabel Comes Out as Transgender; Internet Explodes with Support and Shock](#)

[DC Council Approves Nomination of Transgender Women to Human Rights Commission](#)

[Transgender Children in America Encounter New Crossroads with Medicine](#)

[Statement of the Stockholm Consensus on Sex Reassignment in Sports](#)

[Black Madam Charged with Murder](#)

[Transgender Veteran on Frontlines of Change](#)

[Transgender Pageant Winner Murdered in South Africa](#)

[Transexual Firefighter's Courage and Service Are Common Bonds](#)

[Ontario Extends Human Rights Code to Protect Transgender People](#)

[Everybody's Trans: Gender Oppression Hurts All of Us](#)

[Are Men In the Military More Likely To Be Transgender?](#)

[First Transgendered Olympian](#)

[D.C. to Get First National LGBT Veterans Memorial](#)

[New App Helps Find Safe Bathroom for Transgender Individuals](#)



The 2nd Annual Gender Reel Festival is just around the corner!

The first of it's kind, Gender Reel, is the east coasts only multi-media festival dedicated to enhancing the visibility of gender non-conforming and transgender artists in film, photography, art and performance.

The 2012 festival features works by: 20 filmmakers, 8 artists/photographers and 5 performance artists.

- Festival Highlights include: A collaboration with the William Way Community Center's LGBTQ Art Gallery on a month long exhibit. This show kicks off on 9/7/12 and end 10/26/12. Located in the Lobby of the WWCC, this portion of Gender Reel is free to anyone who wants to attend. Wine & cheese opening reception: Friday, 9/7 @ 6 pm.
- TransHISTORY workshop exploring the history of trans images in film. Notable guest and performance artist, Ignacio Rivera, from NYC: Friday, 9/7 @ 7:30 pm.

- Final Cut: This panel explores how mainstream portrayals of people of color in film and television impact the lives of queer people of color.
- Panel Discussion with the filmmaker of "Trans," the 2012 award winning documentary.
- The return of our ever popular water color workshop by Gender Reel's very own Sam Richman.
- The return of MixTape, Gender Reel's surgery fundraising party. MixTape is now a collaboration with the organizers of BLITZ: 9/8/12 @ 9 pm (Tabu Lounge & Sports Bar). Cover: \$5-\$10.

Film to see: Facing Mirrors; Trans, America's Most Wanted; Gold Moon, Sharp Arrow, Makes Me Want to Believe, Present Continuous, Transpass, A Difference, Austin Unbound, I Am Queen, The Sisterhood, Bye, Bye Baby Box, Transsexual Dominatrix, I am Trans, Sisterhood, Akin, Against the Grain, Gloucerter City, My Town, Taki Mam, Glen or Glenda.

Artists & Performers to catch: Bo Lueng-suraswat, Jaden Rogers, Josephine Yvonne Paulovic, Markus Harwood-Jones, Takeya Trayer, Krissy Mahan, Sarah Barnard, Chance DeSilvah, Ignacio Rivera, Qian Li, Gender Edge, Justin DeForest and Radium Angels.

Tickets:

\$20.00 All Festival Pass (except MixTape)
\$10.00 Day Pass
\$100.00 Group Pass (6+ people).

2012 Gender Reel Sponsors: Leeway Foundation, Christin McGinn, Safeguards, Kathy Rumor & Galaei.

To find out more about 2012 Gender Reel programming, vending options (limited spots available until 8/15), ticket prices and much, much more consult our website @ www.gendereelfest.com.

Gender Reel is more than just a multi-media festival, it is also a production program specializing in queer & trans multi-media projects.

www.gendereelfest.com





Get Out and Vote

Equality Pennsylvania wants you to vote with confidence in November, and that's why we are doing everything that we can to make sure nothing stops you.

Pennsylvania's Voter ID law was passed this spring which will require all voters in the state to show valid photo ID in order to cast a ballot. The law, one of the strictest in the country with a narrow list of acceptable forms of ID, will go into effect for the first time for the general election this November.

The most common and widely used forms of acceptable ID are issued by PennDOT: the Pennsylvania driver's license and the non-driver photo ID card. Recently released information from the Department of State indicates that as many as 1.25 million registered voters do not have acceptable state-issued ID and will need to go to a PennDOT center prior to Election Day to receive a free non-driver ID.

As part of our membership in the Pennsylvania Voice progressive table, Equality Pennsylvania will be joining the "Get ID" August Blitz." The goal of this effort will be to educate the public about the ID requirement for voting and encourage these eligible voters to gather the necessary documentation and go to a PennDOT center to get the ID. Equality Pennsylvania and our partners at Pennsylvania Voice and other allies will be joining together to reach voters and encourage them to get ID during the time period of Sunday, August 12th – Saturday, August 25th.

As of today, we are signatories of the "Get ID" August Blitz campaign and our goal will be to get as many of you to the polls without problems as possible. Expect to hear more from us, and as a service we'll be contacting every person in our database that has been identified by the Department of State as possibly lacking an acceptable ID with a courtesy reminder. Hopefully, that won't mean you. However, if there's a possible problem then we want to reach you NOW. No person should be turned away from the polls because of a ques-

MARDI GRAS

HALLOWEEN BASH 2012

MARDI GRAS BASH

Saturday,

October the 27th, 2012

Party from 8pm to 2am

\$150 per ticket

Private, Ticket ONLY party

Dinner/ Sweets/ Dancing

Entertainment/ Bar

Door Prizes/ Raffle Prizes

Transportation to and from

Photo Op/ Pre-party

Pre-party at JUST YOU

starts at 3pm to 7pm

Make-overs start at

10am - 6pm \$85.00

3 Make up Artists / Start Booking August 1st

For more information:

Call 702-697-1800

Saturday, will be an all day affair, with food, fun and friendship to share.

A feast of amazing food & sweets, Lets be entertained by Mardi Gras beats.

A DJ that will keep you dancing all night, entertained by our special performers, what a sight.

Don't forget your make up & hair, You'll never know who just might be there.

Get down to JUST YOU to get a time, a ticket in hand will be so divine.

Transportation is all on us, We got all our friends a party bus.

Start at 3pm & 2am it ends, So come on out and party with friends.

We all hope to see you there, So we all have this memory to share.

xoxo JUST YOU

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We are taking this seriously, and we hope you do too. Few groups have as much at stake as the LGBT Community in this election. Everyone needs to vote.

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