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Announcements

October's Dinner will be at [Brick City Bar and Grille](#) on Saturday, Oct 13 at 5:30p. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at info@transcentralpa.org.

October's Meeting is Saturday, Oct 13 at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm.

After Hours is at [Stock's on Second](#). Stock's offers an 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!

October Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Rachel Le., Kai Al., Michelle Ga., Gretchen Ly., and Rick Wi., and David Ga. Happy Birthday!

2013 Officer Nominations open on Oct 13 at our meeting. The nomination window for 2013 Officers closes at our Dec 8 meeting prior to voting. If you are interested in volunteering or have a nomination, please contact our Secretary Suzane Oliva at info@transcentralpa.org.

2013 Keystone Conference website is now up! We are now soliciting workshop proposals, vendors, advertisers and our



Congratulations TransCentralPA!

The Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) is the premier gala fundraiser of the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania. It is a black tie dinner and dance affair honoring those in the area who have made significant contributions to the well being of the LGBT community. This year one of the three FAB awards is being given to an organization rather than to an individual.

We are especially honored to have just been notified that this award is being given to TransCentralPA in recognition of our dedicated support and advocacy of Central Pennsylvania's transgender people. Please plan to come join us for this festive occasion, for you—trans people, families, significant others and allies—are TransCentralPA!

www.FallAchievementBenefit.org

much appreciated sponsors! The Harrisburg-Hershey Sheraton Hotel has extended us their low rate of \$99/night for the 5th year in a row (restrictions apply). As we finalize the details of the conference, we'll post additional information on the [Keystone website](#). Please take a moment to visit the website and mark your calendars for

March 13–16, 2013!

TGDOR (Transgender Day of Remembrance) is Tuesday, Nov 20th on the steps of the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building. We are hoping the entire trans community and its supporters will attend and participate in this event. See the [TransCentralPA](#)

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www.Keystone-Conference.org

The Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB), long the premier black tie event for Central Pennsylvania's LGBT community, was brought back from a four year hiatus in November 2010. Its purpose is to honor three individuals for their achievements that benefit the LGBT community of the area, and it is the primary fundraiser for the LGBT Center. That year we gathered together twenty four transgender people and their significant others at three TransCentralPA tables, and we were given recognition and a standing ovation for our presence by the crowd of five hundred people. It was the first time at a function of the Capitol city area's LGBT community that the "T" was fully and positively represented and appreciated.

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

This year TransCentralPA has been chosen as one of the three FAB award recipients! We are very honored and excited to be so recognized. Please make plans to join us at this thrilling gala affair on Saturday night November 10, which honors all the transgender people who are TransCentralPA.

We will have tables set aside for our group, so when you finalize your ticket purchase on line (<http://www.fallachievementbenefit.org/> click on "tickets") be sure to register to sit at the TransCentralPA tables captained by Jeanine Ruhsam or Alexis Lake. We will fill as many tables as possible- limited only by how many get tickets- so let's plan to double our attendance from the thirty that attended in 2011.

Last weekend I attended the Southern Comfort Conference (SCC) in Atlanta, long recognized as the Nations largest traditional gender conference. While there I was acutely aware of two things: our Keystone Conference 2012 here in Harrisburg had nearly the same number of attendees this year, and most everyone at SCC was talking about meeting each other next at Keystone 2013! Our fifth annual event takes place on March 13-16 2013, and is rapidly shaping up with more valuable seminars, diverse programs, great speakers and enjoyable entertainment than ever before. The website was just launched yesterday and can be found at www.keystone-conference.org. Please have a look at the informative material there, send it on to your friends and acquaintances and put the dates on your calendar. We welcome sponsors, vendors, advertisers, presenters and volunteers and hope you or someone you know will join those that together make Keystone such a wonderful and successful event.

I look forward to seeing you at FAB when the lights shine on all of us!

With warm wishes,

Jeanine Ruhsam



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.

Calendar of Events

Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored

Oct 1	LGBT Center Women's Group Harrisburg, PA
Oct 4	The Curve —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Oct 4	Transsexual Education Group Harrisburg, PA
Oct 5	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Oct 6	TGEA Meeting Arlington, VA
Oct 6	Laptop Lounge King of Prussia, PA
Oct 10	Chaz Bono at PSU State College, PA
Oct 12	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Oct 13	TransCentralPA Meeting Dinner @ Brick City Bar & Grille Meeting @ MCC of the Spirit After Hours @ Stock's
Oct 14	Fantasia Fair Provincetown, MA
Oct 18	The Curve —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Oct 19	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Oct 20	Laptop Lounge King of Prussia, PA
Oct 26	Common Roads —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Oct 26	Transcending Boundaries Conference Springfield, MA
Oct 27	ROSE Meeting York, PA
Nov 7	Beauty at the Beach Rehoboth Beach, DE
Nov 10	Fall Achievement Benefit Harrisburg, PA
Nov 11	Lake Erie Gala Erie, PA
Nov 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance Harrisburg, PA
Mar 13	Keystone Conference Harrisburg, PA

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

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

[Judge Orders that Trans Convict Be Given Gender Reassignment Surgery in Prison](#)

[Gender Markers Dropped for New \[Pennsylvania\] Voter IDs](#)

[Matrix Director Was Terrified to Come Out as Trans to Family](#)

[First Transgender Woman Legally Recognized in Vietnam](#)

[Transgender Delegation Makes DNC especially Historic](#)

[Lifting the Silence on Suicide in the Trans Communities](#)

[Meet Silent Soldiers Who Are Still Called Unfit to Serve](#)

[More US Companies Covering Transgender Surgeries](#)

[City to Settle Suit by Women Housed with Trans Inmate](#)

[Trans Athlete Joins High School Football Team](#)

[Secretly Serving the Few, the Proud, the Trans](#)

[Ireland Nears Recognition of Trans Identities](#)

[These Are for Boys and Those Are for Girls](#)

[Do You Have Information About Kyra Kruz](#)

[Transgender Death: Where is the Outcry?](#)

[My Life as a Transgender Crossdreamer](#)

[Voter ID Heads Back to Lower Court](#)

[TransParent Day, November 4, 2012](#)

[Trans Murder Victim Identified](#)

[Transwoman Shot to Death](#)



Come join us at our upcoming Business Networking Mixer on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30 - 8:30pm hosted by Hershey Entertainment & Resorts at the Hershey Lodge, Magnolia ABCD rooms. Business dress is requested. Free for members. \$10 for prospective members. Bring your business cards and a 30 second elevator speech to share. For more information or to register for this event go to www.cpglcc.org. Space is limited.



Attention Trans Students!

NCTE just launched the Transgender On-Campus Non-Discrimination Information (TONI) Project. TONI is a first-of-its-kind online hub that allows trans and gender non-conforming students to share information about their college campus. The site is also a space for students to discover information about trans-affirmative policies and exchange ideas to help transform their own school.

Not every campus is represented in the TONI Project, and that's why we need your help. [Share the TONI Project to help make campuses more trans-affirmative.](#) Visit TONI at:

www.transstudents.org



Woman's Group

The next meeting is on **Monday, October 1 from 6:00-9:00 pm**. Social hour is from 6:00-7:00, then a short talk and discussion time from 7:00-8:00, and the last hour is dedicated to talking about November's meeting and the next steps for the group. During our education hour, Debbie Gable will talk about breast health in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Heidi Notario will talk about healthy relationships in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Come with questions and comments!

The LGBT Center's Women's Group is an open and inclusive space for women of all backgrounds and identities, and looks to ultimately expand to offer several larger signature events beyond a monthly meeting space.



Chaz Bono will be at Pennsylvania State University on campus Wednesday, October 10th. Visit the Student Affairs Office website for details.

<http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/lgbta/>

The New Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recently enacted a new voter ID law which could impede a Transperson's ability to vote--especially if you are in the process of transition--if steps are not taken prior to election day. The requirements for identification under the new law are:

- A photo ID with a photo that substantially looks like you.
- Your name must "substantially conform" to how your name appears in the voter lists.
- The photo ID must have an expiration date.

Both the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) and Equality Pennsylvania have prepared important briefings on the new Voter ID Law(s). Please take a look at both documents.

[NCTE Briefing](#)
[Equality Pennsylvania Briefing](#)



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[website](#) for details.

TCPA Website Updated We've posted several documents to the TransCentralPA website about a variety of topics. Please visit the [Resource](#) page to see them. Have another one? Please send it to us. And don't forget that we have several books and periodicals at our meeting location.

Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) is Saturday, Nov 10 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Dust off that Tux or find that perfect gown and come join us for a great night of fun. Once again, TransCentralPA has tables reserved for this event.

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.

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

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Healthy Sexuality Training

The Healthy Sexuality Training Series is designed for teachers, social workers, nurses, caseworkers, counselors, group home and residential staff and other professionals who work with youth. This series is for anyone who is interested in building their skills to support young people in successfully negotiating decisions concerning their sexual health and relationships.

Date & Location:

Monday, October 22, 2012 &
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
United Way of York County
800 East King Street
York PA 17403

Register now at \$40 per workshop or \$140 for four. After October 12, \$45 per workshop or \$160 for four.

All workshops are approved for Continuing Education Hours for Act 48, Social Work and Nursing. Please include certificate costs with your total workshop payments.

Lunch is on your own. A kitchen area is available with a refrigerator, microwave and soda machine.

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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.

