



# TransCentralPA Newsletter

Serving the Transgender Community of Central Pennsylvania since 1989

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[www.TranscentralPA.org](http://www.TranscentralPA.org)

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## Group Announcements

**Benefits for Members! Stallions** now offers free cover to all members and guests of TransCentralPA on the first Saturday of every month. Please present your membership card to get the great deal! As a reminder, **Liquid891** also offers free cover to members and \$2 cover to guests on the same night. These are just a few ways your Directors are trying to add value to your TransCentralPA membership. We're working on some more great deals for the future!

**TCPA & CPGCLCC** TransCentralPA has joined the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. Please visit their website for transgender-friendly businesses and events at:

[www.cpglcc.org](http://www.cpglcc.org)

### Mark your Calendars!

- Apr 2 TCPA Group Meeting
- May 2 RuPaul at ClubXS
- May 3 TCPA Group Meeting with Dr. Cerise Richards
- May 27 Be-All Conference, Chicago
- May 29 7th Annual Trans-Health Conference, Philadelphia

Visit our website for more event info!

**Need a Vacation?** The national transgendered organization *Pink Essence* is organizing a 5-day cruise on the Carnival Fun Ship *Destiny* departing and returning to Miami on October 30th while visiting Key West and Cozumel. Ask Kristy if you would like more information.

**Outreach Program**—Several members of our group participated in a Transgender discussion forum for the Women and Gender Studies class at York College (pictured right). TransCentralPA is often asked to provide Trans-speakers to participate in discussion panels at schools, community programs and other groups. If you want to be more involved with our Outreach Program, please see Jeanine or Pamela.

**Do you Yahoo?** We use the TransCentralPA members-only Yahoo Group to disseminate information and announcements. So please join the Yahoo! Group at [groups.yahoo.com/groups/transcentralpa](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/transcentralpa)

**Want to Help Someone?** We have started a Big Brothers/Sisters program within our group. There are many individuals who need a helping hand to take that first step out. If you are interested in helping out, please let Kristy or Jeanine know.

**Scrabble Anyone?** Last newsletter we got confused about some acronyms. AskGLSH has become the LGBT Center Coalition and not CPGCLCC. The LGBT Center Coalition website is:

[www.centralpalgbtcenter.org](http://www.centralpalgbtcenter.org)

**Thank You Trina!** Trina Brady has stepped down as the Program & Meeting Director due to the demands of her new job. If you are interested in this position or would like to get more involved with the group, please see Jeanine.

**Our library** now has several old issues of *Tapestry* thanks to Ellen Davidson. See Kristy if you want to check one out.

**PRIDE info**—Lancaster PRIDE is Jun 21st, visit [www.lancasterpride2008.org](http://www.lancasterpride2008.org) for more info. Harrisburg PRIDE is July 25th, their website is [www.harrisburgpride.org](http://www.harrisburgpride.org).

Equality Maryland has created some resources for their state's trans-community. visit their website for more information.

[www.equalitymaryland.org](http://www.equalitymaryland.org)



Jeanine, Ellen, and Finnie with Dr. Julie Amberg, Director of Women and Gender Studies at York College.



### Dr. Cerise Richards

*"Brain Gender Identity—  
Why We Are Who We Are"*

**Saturday, May 3rd  
Time: TBA**

Transgender Individuals know that their cross identity is fixed at a very early age. What is the medical evidence to date for gender variance being associated with the prenatal formation of our brains?

While significant male-female behavioral differences can be noted at birth, what is responsible for the "continuous spectrum" of gender identity that we experience postnatal? Is it important for you to understand why gender variance is not a "choice"?

Where is the evidence from medical research leading us? This exciting and informative presentation will include the most recent theories and scientific discoveries concerning Transgenderism.

The presentation is free for members, guests and visitors are \$5. We will be extending open invitations to the community, other trans-groups and mental health professionals. Don't miss it!

## From the Managing Director

Hello Everyone!

While spring officially happened this past Thursday, many of us got a jump on it with a wonderful party at TransCentralPA's Spring Fling at Bube's Brewery last Saturday night, March 15th. Those of you that missed it missed our best party & social function ever...so, plan to attend next year! Many transpeople from far out of town attended- thank you, and welcome!- a dinner party led off by a lengthy cocktail & hors d'oeuvres period; dinner was plentiful & sumptuous, and we were amazed at the music & performance of Darcie Miner while we plied the silent auction and enjoyed each other's friendship. Thanks go out to our many sponsoring donors that, through their generosity, enabled TransCentralPA to fund our efforts for the coming year.

Our library is growing; it's there for you to use for your benefit, and also for you to enrich through gifting books and AV material that you find meaningful for the TG experience.

Remember: we are the voice and presence of the Central PA Transgender community, so join us at our meetings, at our pre-meeting dinners, and contact us to lend your support.

Warmly,

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*Over 30 people attended the 19th Annual Spring Fling at Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania. Through the gracious donation of our sponsors, we were able to raise nearly \$600 to aid in our continuing mission of Transgender outreach, support, and education for the community in Central Pennsylvania. Thanks to all who attended!*

## Spotlight on Local Transgender Resources

The Following businesses donated items and services for our annual fund-raiser. We have included links to these establishments on our website at:

**[www.TransCentralPA.org](http://www.TransCentralPA.org)**

We would like to recognize their generosity and please give strong consideration to patronizing these establishments.

*Courtyard by Marriott (Harrisburg)*

*Homewood Suites-Hilton  
(Harrisburg)*

*Eden Resort Inn & Suites (Lancaster)*

*Stallions*

*Theatre Harrisburg*

*CentralPA Womyn's Chorus*

*American Laser Center*

*Bube's Brewery*

*Fairfield Inn by Marriott (Harrisburg)*

*Ciao Bella Salon*

*Scott's Grille*

*Whitaker Center*

*Jay Ann Intimates*

*Canna Country Inn*

*Stock's on Second*

*Manga Qui Restaurant*

*The Wigwam*

*Club XS*

*Holiday Inn (Elizabethtown)*