



# TransCentralPA Newsletter

Serving the Transgender Community of Central Pennsylvania since 1989

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## Announcements

**August's Dinner** will be at El Sol Mexican Restaurant on Saturday, August 13th at 5:30p ([www.elsolmexicanrestaurant.com](http://www.elsolmexicanrestaurant.com)). We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at [info@transcentralpa.org](mailto:info@transcentralpa.org).

**August's Meeting** is Saturday, August 13 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](http://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 Wendy Sw. Michelle Cr., Sharon Wa., Katie Wa., Jackie Ma., Crystal Th., Cecilia Wa., Robyn He., Carol Wi., and Trina Br.,

**Pride Festival** Thanks to all who volunteered at the TransCentralPA booth this year.

**Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB)** is Saturday, Nov 12 at the Lancaster Convention Center, the same location it was 2 years ago. 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. See page 4 for more details.

**Seeking Nominations** FAB was created to honor people in our community who have made important contributions to the economic, political, cultural, spiritual and social progress of LGBT causes in our region. Past winners have included Ben Dunlap, Sharon Mahar Potter, Melinda Eash, Steve Glassman and the Reverend Barry Stophel. The 2010 honorees were Paul Foltz, Ashley McLaughlin, and Bill and Carol Sizemore. Nominees may be individuals or organizations.

Nominations should include the name of the candidate and contact information for the candidate and the nominator, along with a short statement (300-500 words) describing the contributions the candidate has made to our community. A panel of judges will select the award recipient(s) from those

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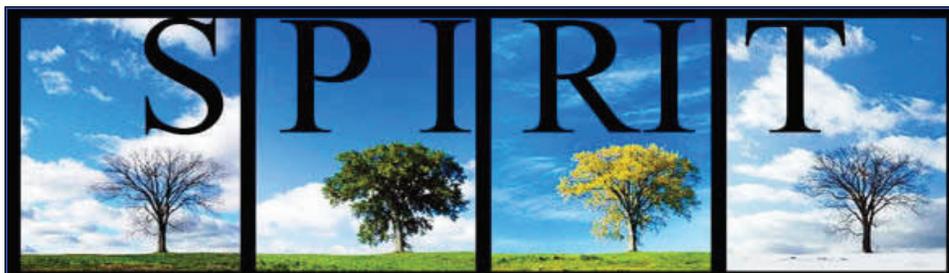


## Wanted! A Few Good Men

A researcher at Rice University recently collected data concerning experiences of transgender individuals in the workplace. The findings will be published in the *Journal of Vocational Behavior*. You can read the article [here](#).

They are now conducting more analyses concerning the different experiences of FTM and MTF individuals. Unfortunately, they were unable to get enough responses from individuals who identify as FTM to conduct these analyses the first time and were hoping to increase Transmen participation in this follow-up study. Please follow the link below to take the survey. The author is asking everyone to forward it to any Transmen that you may know as well to increase the sampling size.

[Click Here to  
Take the Survey](#)



**Come join us for worship and friendship!**

Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit  
2973 Jefferson Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

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



Danni Finnegan & I, who organized the TransCentralPA booth at yesterday's Central PA Pride Festival, want to thank those of you who volunteered to staff our space. Thanks go out to other members of our community who helped the event be the success it was by offering their help and effort in so many other ways.

## From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

Our presence everywhere is being noticed and felt, and that is good for everyone. Let's keep on living our lives proudly, openly and visibly- it makes a difference, as I am sure most of you have seen.

It's time to put FAB on your calendar: the Fall Achievement Benefit, the formal dinner dance event put on by our LGBT Community Center of Central PA. This year it will back be at the Lancaster Marriot- where it was staged with such splendor in 2009- and will occur Saturday night November 12. Twenty two of us attended last year, and our own Ashley McLaughlin was one of the FAB award recipients. Please go to our website for information and to sign up. 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 other attendees that the Transwomen are the most glamorous and the Transmen the most dashing of all guests!

Yes, *Keystone Conference 2012* is taking shape and we are asking for volunteers to assist in many capacities. Our organization will help make it painless, we promise (but, you that have helped already know that!), and it's fun and rewarding! Believe it or not, *KC2012* will be bigger, better and more fun than the past three years! Oh...and now that the year's gender events are winding down (Southern Comfort Conference, the largest, occurs on September 20-25) we are aware that Keystone will be the second best attended such event in the entire USA in 2011. Thank you all for helping us achieve that record.

With warm regards,

Jeanine Ruhsam



## Calendar of Events

*Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored*

Aug 5	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Aug 6	<a href="#">TGEA Annual Cookout</a> Arlington, VA
Aug 11	<a href="#">The Curve</a> —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Aug 12	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
<b>Aug 13</b>	<a href="#">TCPA Dinner @ El Sol</a> <a href="#">TCPA Meeting</a> <a href="#">After Hours @ Stock's</a>
Aug 19	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Aug 20	<a href="#">Camp Highlight</a> Wernersville, PA
Aug 20	<a href="#">Laptop Lounge</a> King of Prussia, PA
Aug 25	<a href="#">The Curve</a> —LGBTQA Youth York, PA
Aug 26	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Sep 2	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —LGBTQA Youth Harrisburg, PA
Sep 3	<a href="#">TGEA Meeting</a> Arlington, VA
Sep 10	<a href="#">TCPA Dinner @ Carley's</a> <a href="#">TCPA Meeting</a> <a href="#">After Hours @ Stock's</a>
Sep 18	<a href="#">The Curve</a> —5th Anniversary Event York, PA
Sep 21	<a href="#">Southern Comfort Conference</a> Atlanta, GA
Oct 16	<a href="#">Fantasia Fair</a> Provincetown, MA
Nov 2	<a href="#">Beauty at the Beach</a> Rehoboth Beach, DE
Nov 13	<a href="#">Lake Erie Gala</a> Erie, PA
<b>Nov 12</b>	<a href="#">Fall Achievement Benefit</a> Lancaster, PA
<b>Nov 20</b>	<a href="#">Transgender Day of Remembrance</a> Harrisburg, PA

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



## NCTE Applauds Federal Appeals Court Ruling Upholding Transgender Inmates' Right to Medical Care

Washington, D.C. - Today, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' ban on medically necessary transition-related care for transgender inmates is unconstitutional. Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) said:

"This court ruling signifies the fast growing acceptance of transgender people, including those who are incarcerated. The court upholds access to medically necessary care for transgender people. And they've done this to address both the distressing safety conditions of transgender inmates, and the need to honor the private health decisions between doctors and patients. We needed this court ruling, and more importantly, we need other public services to follow suit."

In the national survey called Injustice at Every Turn, released with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, we found that 12% of transgender people incarcerated were denied routine health care. Another 17% were denied medically necessary hormones. Denying transgender inmates the care recommended by medical professionals is a psychological and physical danger, which, as the court says, "amounts to torture."

**Visit NCTE's website at**  
**[www.TransEquality.org](http://www.TransEquality.org)**



## Let's Celebrate!

THE CURVE is five years strong! and they invite you to celebrate with them! On Sunday, September 18, 2011, they're celebrating the 5th Anniversary of THE CURVE with a 1:30 pm private reception and a 3:00 p.m. screening of *La Mission* at the Capitol Theatre in York.

Set in San Francisco's Mission District and starring Benjamin Bratt, *La Mission* celebrates culture and neighborhood vibrancy. This is the story of a single father, respected throughout the Mission barrio for his masculinity and strength. He discovers his only son, whom he has raised on his own after the death of his wife, is gay. *La Mission* was the Official Selection of the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

Sponsorships start at \$40 and provide admittance to the private reception and film. General admission to the film only is \$7.00. Contact Betsy at 845.9683 ext. 213 or [betsy.buckingham@ppfa.org](mailto:betsy.buckingham@ppfa.org) for more information.

Serving youth ages 14-21, the mission of THE CURVE is to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment by providing educational, advocacy and recreational activities. Inspired by a York College student who had attended a teen Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning and their Allies (LGBTQA) program in Bucks County, THE CURVE was established with the support of Planned Parenthood of Central PA. A planning committee of three college students brainstormed topic ideas for the meetings and gave it a name: "THE CURVE – we are definitely not straight!" Program topics vary from managing stress and coming out to cooking, exercise and college life. Professionals in the community share their personal and professional experiences as LGBT in a straight world. In five years over 125 youth have attended and benefited from THE CURVE.

Visit their website at:

**[www.Myspace.com/glbtyork](http://www.Myspace.com/glbtyork)**



## 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](mailto:info@TransCentral.org)*

[\[Film\] \[USA\] Renee Richards, the first transsexual tennis player in the US Women's Open](#)

[\[News\] \[DC\] Police investigate possible serial killer who targets transgender women](#)

[\[News\] \[North Carolina\] School Helps Transgender Individuals Find Their Voice](#)

[\[News\] \[UK\] Transgender Student Attends Prom](#)

[\[News\] \[PA\] Contentious ID bill moves forward](#)

[\[News\] \[PA\] Judge clears way for trans bias case](#)



## Fall Achievement Benefit

**November 12, 2011**

Come join us at the new and beautiful Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to mingle, dine and dance the night away at the 2011 Fall Achievement Benefit. Fall Achievement Benefit (FAB) is a celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in central Pennsylvania. We promise an evening of great friendships, wonderful dinner, community awards presentation, and dancing all night long.

Proceeds from FAB 2012 will benefit the LGBT Community Center Coalition of Central Pennsylvania. The Center is a volunteer led effort to create a regionally representative community center that is both a location and a unifying point for central Pennsylvania's large, diverse and multi-county LGBT population.

As a member of the LGBT Community Center, TransCentralPA is happy to support and participate in the Fall Achievement Benefit and has volunteered to help advertise this exquisite event to the Transgender Community, our friends, family and allies. Several tables are already reserved for TransCentralPA members & guests under our Table Captain Jeanine Ruhsam.

Your admission includes:

- FAB Reception
- Complimentary Drink Ticket
- Silent Auction Admission
- Main Event to include FAB awards
- Dinner
- After Party

They are expecting a sold-out event with 500+ guests so don't delay! Tickets cost \$100 before October 15 (\$120 after that date) are available online at

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

**Remember: to sit at the TransCentralPA tables, you must select "Jeanine Ruhsam" as your table captain!**

The Marriott is offering a discounted rate of \$115 until October 22 to FAB guests. Take advantage of this reduced rate reserving online with the code "FABFABA" or by calling the hotel directly at 800-228-9290 and saying that you are with the "Fall Achievement Benefit"

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions at [info@TransCentralPA.org](mailto:info@TransCentralPA.org). We look forward to seeing you there!



### Announcements (continued)...

nominated. Please submit nominations by September 15, 2011 to:

**LGBT Community Center Coalition**  
221 N. Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

by FAX: 717-920-9536

by e-mail:

[nominations@centralpalgbtcenter.org](mailto:nominations@centralpalgbtcenter.org)

**TGDOR** (Transgender Day of Remembrance) is Sunday, 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.

**New SO Group** Several of our GG spouses are forming a TransCentralPA online group for spouses and significant others to discuss issues and offer support for each other. Please email us at [info@transcentralpa.org](mailto:info@transcentralpa.org) if you would like more information.



**Alders Health Services**  
*Our Health, Our Community*  
800.867.1550 | [www.ALDERHEALTH.org](http://www.ALDERHEALTH.org)

### Have You Been Vaccinated?

FREE Walk-In Vaccine Night

**Hep A · Hep B · HPV\***

Monday, Sept 12 - 6 to 9PM

100 N. Cameron St., Ste. 301-East  
Harrisburg, PA

No Appointment Necessary. For more information call 1.800.867.1550

\* HPV Vaccine is available only to men and women ages 18 to 26.

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