



# TransCentralPA Newsletter

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## Announcements

**April's Dinner** will be at [Brick City Bar & Grille](#) on Saturday, April 13th at 5:30pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at our [website](#).

**April's Meeting** is Saturday, April 13th 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!

**April Birthdays!** Please say Happy Birthday to Kristy Sn., DeeAnne Fi., Janine La., Staci Ha., Jessica Go., Jesse Bo., & Donna Be!

**2013 Membership Dues** are being reduced to a one-time annual fee of \$20. Spouses or SOs are \$10 for the year. 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!



**Dr. Jillian T. Weiss speaking at the Keystone Conference 2013**

**2013 Keystone Conference—Thank you!** Thanks to all of you for making the 2013 Keystone Conference another great success! We had approximately 500 attendees from across the country.

**2014 Keystone Conference**—Mark the date now: March 26th-30th. We'll be announcing the dates officially soon as well as instructions on how to make your room reservations.

**Central PA Pride** The Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival & Parade is Satur-

day, July 27th. TransCentralPA will once again be marching in the parade and manning a booth at the festival. As a courtesy to our members & guests who elect to march with us in the parade, TransCentralPA will pay for admission to the festival (provide wristbands) for you. We will announce more details in June and have directions on how to sign-up.

**Trans-Summer Camp** Parents have a new and welcome option this summer for their transgender or gender non-conforming

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National Center for Transgender Equality

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it's not equality without the T

**APRIL 2013**

This Saturday marks the fourth annual Transgender Day of Visibility, an event brought into being by Rachel Crandall of Minnesota in an effort to echo, six months later, the somber message of Transgender Day of Remembrance with an uplifting celebration of transgender people. I'll be driving down that day to Virginia Tech to join Michael Silverman of TLDEF in speaking to an enthusiastic group about the strength of our community. Michael, transgender rights attorney and professor of law, will talk about the recent victories and challenges that we've won and met in the legal arena. I'll address the huge effect that we've accomplished individually and collectively through our proud ownership of ourselves. We've done so much to advance our acceptance by the American public through our visibility, and the future of our kind depends on continuing that trend. We've moved away from apologizing for ourselves as disordered individuals and have found strength in staking out our own unique place in this culture as the strong and proud inhabitants of the frontier of Genderland that lies between the borders of male and female. We are of both those realms and also claim our own- that belongs to no other, that requires of its inhabitants great trials and humbleness but bestows abundant gifts and power.

Two weeks ago today marked the opening of our fifth annual Keystone Conference 2013, a Celebration of Gender Diversity. From its inception it has been an event that promoted transgender visibility. Beginning with the first event we bused hundreds of our amazing attendees to the racetrack, the casino, and the finest restaurants in Pennsylvania's capitol city. While our people were delighted to be out in the public- many for the first time in their chosen gender- TransCentralPA's ulterior motive was to allow the residents of Harrisburg to encounter- many if not most for the first time- transgender people. When there are thirty of us in eight restaurants people take notice that we exist. When through our presence and behavior we demonstrate what kind, polite and enjoyable people we are they feel good about us...and then we know we have done a blessed thing for the world and ourselves.

With warm regards,

*Jeanine Ruhsam*

## From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

## Calendar of Events

*Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored*

Apr 3	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Apr 4	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> — Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 4	<a href="#">Women's Group Meeting</a> Harrisburg, PA
Apr 4	<a href="#">The Curve</a> York, PA
Apr 5	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 6	<a href="#">LapTop Lounge</a> King Of Prussia, PA
Apr 6	<a href="#">TGEA Meeting</a> Harrisburg, PA
Apr 10	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Apr 11	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> — Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 12	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 12	<a href="#">NoVA MCC</a> —Gender Support Group in Fairfax, VA
Apr 13	<a href="#">TransCentral PA Dinner @ Brick City Bar &amp; Grille Meeting @ MCC Of The Spirit After Hours @ Stocks</a>
Apr 16	<a href="#">PFlag</a> York, PA
Apr 17	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Apr 18	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> — Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 18	<a href="#">The Curve</a> York, PA
Apr 19	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 20	<a href="#">LapTop Lounge</a> King Of Prussia, PA
Apr 20	<a href="#">Malice In Wonderland</a> Harrisburg, PA
Apr 24	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
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## 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)*

[Trans Teacher Found Dead After Tabloid Press Tells Her Story](#)

[UN Report Forced Sterilization of Trans People Is Torture](#)

[Nevada Senate approves bill to add gender identity to hate crimes law](#)

[Fighting Fallon Fox: the controversial science of transgender athletes in combat sports](#)

[Transgender MMA fighter Fallon Fox faces licensing problems](#)

[Massachusetts Lawmakers retaliate against youth with 'Transgender Issues'](#)

[Transgender ally Zack Ford blasts transphobic Massachusetts legislators](#)

[Scottish Trans man convicted of having stealth sex](#)

[Disturbing UK gender ID 'fraud' sexual intimacy case complicated by age misrepresentation](#)

[Police break into homes and arrest 20 trans women in Istanbul](#)

[Emerson College to pay for teen's Transgender surgery](#)

[District won't enter mediation in case of transgender girl](#)

[Gender identity included in hate crime law in Greece](#)

[When James Becomes Janice: What not to ask a transgender friend](#)

[Eddie Izzard at the Hollywood Bowl](#)

[Eddie Izzard on Atheism, Transgender, & "The Invisible Bloke Upstairs"](#)

[Judge sides with transgender women in bathroom dispute](#)

[Ohio judge fines club in Columbus' first ever transgender discrimination case](#)

[NY Times trans exploitation generates community response](#)

[Man arrested in murder of New Orleans area trans woman and her partner](#)

[Smith Students Support Transgender Applicant](#)

[Kavanagh changes course on 'Bathroom Bill'](#)

[Trans 100 to honor national trans organizers](#)

[Advocates urge Smith College to stop discriminating against trans women](#)

[New Drexel program offers certificate in LGBT health](#)

[A push for trans-inclusive health care](#)

[Transgender Candidate Mel Wymore endorsed by LGBT political group](#)

[Indigo Girls and other MichFest 2013 performers: Boycott MWMF until the organizers fully include trans woman](#)

[Christopher Robson, GLEN co-Founder and civil rights activist dies](#)

[April Ashley: MBE for transgender campaigner](#)

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Apr 25	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> — Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 26	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 26	<a href="#">The Empire Conference</a> Albany, NY
Apr 26-28	<a href="#">Trans &amp; Ally Symposium</a> Columbus, OH
Apr 27	ROSE York, PA
Apr 27	<a href="#">Tranquility Support Group</a> Baltimore, MD
Apr 27	<a href="#">Pittsburgh Transgender: Dinner Out</a> Pittsburgh, PA
May 1	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
May 2	<a href="#">The Curve</a> York, PA
May 2	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
May 2	<a href="#">Annual 'Hug A Trans-Person' Day</a> Anywhere
May 3	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
May 4	<a href="#">LapTop Lounge</a> King Of Prussia, PA
May 4	<a href="#">TGEA Meeting</a> Harrisburg, PA
May 8	<a href="#">Common Roads</a> —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
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child — a weeklong, overnight summer camp called [Camp Aranu'tiq](#).

**Red Roof Inn Discount** We have negotiated a rate of \$42.99/night for 2013 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 are also offering a special price for their Business King suites, too. Ask for details.

**Have an announcement?** Email it to us at [info@TransCentralPA.org](mailto:info@TransCentralPA.org)



The LGBT Center is one of 41 Local Non-profits in this year's Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. The walk will be held on Saturday, May 18 at HACC. Highmark underwrites the entire event, so 100% of funds raised by Center walkers comes directly to us to support our mission. [Check out The Center's walk page](#) where you can sign up as a walker, form a team from your office, or sponsor an existing walker.



**APRIL 4 MEETING: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

It's time to talk about it! We all have a part to play in eliminating sexual assault, and it starts with a conversation. This informal discussion will help to make the conversation easier. Led by Joyce Lukima from Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR). **Thursday, 4/4, 7:00-9:00 pm**, see the event on [Facebook](#)

**MAY 2 MEETING: WOMEN IN POLITICS DISCUSSION**

This activity led by Kelly McEntee will include a panel discussion featuring women who have been involved in politics in variety of different ways. **Thursday, 5/2, 7:00-9:00 pm**, see the event on [Facebook](#)

Thanks to everyone who helped out with this year's production of The Vagina Monologues! The performers, producers, behind-the-scenes helpers, ASL interpreters, bake sale participants, sponsors, various partnering organizations, and attendees managed to raise more than **\$3,000** for The LGBT Center. We are so honored to have been chosen as this year's beneficiary! Thanks to all who were involved!

*The LGBT Center's Women's Group is an open and inclusive space for women of all backgrounds and identities.*



**April 18th Business Mixer**

5:30PM-8:00PM

SunWorks, etc.

2612 N. Brandt Rd, Annville, PA 17003

To Register go to: [www.cpglcc.org](http://www.cpglcc.org)

Members: Free

Prospective Member: \$10

Bring your business cards and 30 sec elevator speech. Business dress requested.



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## Washington DC “On Your Own”

**There is nothing like the Nation’s Capital in the Spring.**

Date: Sunday, April 21st 2013

Departs: 9:00AM Returns: 7:30PM



Enjoy a day in Washington DC without the hassles of driving or trying to remember where you may have parked. The bus departs from Alder Health Lancaster Health Center and will drop-off you and your friends at the National Mall for a day with site seeing and fun in our Nation’s Capital. The bus will depart Washington DC at 5 for a return to Lancaster at roughly 7:30pm.

Departure Location: Alder Health—1891 Santa Barbara Dr., Lancaster

Cost: \$65 (Seating is limited)

Light Refreshments Provided

[Registers Today!](#)

## Community Picnic

Date: Saturday, May 18th 2013

11:00AM to 3:00PM



Enjoy the outdoors during an old fashioned community picnic. The fun will start at 11AM with plenty of food, fun and fellowship until 3PM. A small fee is required to participate in order to cover the costs of the park rental and the food. Picnic foods and beverages provided. Advance registration is required. The Community Picnic is a rain or shine event.

Location:

Koons Park (N Mountain Rd. & Larue St. Harrisburg)

