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Women's Abuse Intervention, a therapy group for lesbian and bisexual women who have been abusive toward their girlfriends and partners (Julie O'Donnell, MSW). Support group fees are \$15-\$12, peer group fees are by donation and therapy groups are \$15-\$20. (620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 710, Portland, OR 97204, 223-8299.) (8/98)

Portland Bisexual Alliance is an advocacy group for bisexual and bi-friendly people. Support and discussion groups are mixed-gender and meet at 7 pm on the first and third Fridays at Laughing Horse Books. Newsletter; monthly socials and pottucks. (775-9717, pdxbi@teleport.com.) (2/98)

Portland Bisexual Women is a forum for exchanging ideas, feelings, resources and information. Bisexual and questioning women of any age, race, culture encouraged to attend. (7-9 pm second and fourth Fridays at It's My Pleasure, 3106 NE 64th Ave. Preregistration: 236-0505, 283-6433.) (7/97)

Portland Leather Men holds potlucks at members' homes on the second Saturday of each month. (PLM, 5418 N Amherst St., Portland, OR 97203.) (4/98)

Pride Northwest plans Lesbian and Gay Pride and associated events. (PO Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228. 295-9788.) (7/97)

Right to Pride Inc. advocates full civil rights, human rights and social equity for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals by informing and educating policy-makers and the general public. (921 SW Morrison St., Suite 546, Portland, OR 97205. 228-5825, barry@rtp-or.org.) (2/98)

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network helps men and women hurt by the military's ban on lesbians and gay men. Confidential counseling available. (202-328-FAIR, www.sldn.org.) (7/97)

**Trans-Port** is a support organization open to all transgendered people and their families. Monthly open meetings and private peer support meetings. (PO Box 66913, Portland, OR 97290, 774-8463.) (7/98)

## Political

**Basic Rights Oregon** is an ongoing electoral organization working statewide to keep discrimination out of the Oregon Constitution. (PO Box 40625, Portland, OR 97240, 222-6151.) (7/97)

**Lesbian Avengers** is a direct action group dedicated to issues of survival and visibility for lesbians, bisexual women and trans dykes. (5 pm Sunday at PSU Women's Union, Fourth Floor, Smith Memorial Center, 1825 SW Broadway. Hot line 452-5408.) (8/98)

Log Cabin Republicans gathers monthly to socialize, meet prominent people or just enlighten a few minds in the party. (PO Box 2655, Portland, OR 97208-2655. 224-2454.) (12/97)

Progressive Queers is a group working for social justice on issues of race, economics, cultural understanding, and gender and sexual identity. (6:30-8 pm fourth Thursday, Millard 284-2979.) (7/97)

Radical Women is active in the daily struggle against racism, sexism, anti-gay bigotry and labor exploitation. Meets every second Wednesday of the month. (6:30 pm at Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 NW Everett St. 228-3090 ) (8/97)

Right to Pride Political Action Committee advocates full civil rights, human rights and social equity for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals by endorsing and supporting candidates and campaigns. (921 SW Morrison St., Suite 546, Portland, OR 97205. 228-5825, barry@rtp-or.org.) (2/98)

Rural Organizing Project is a network of human dignity groups advancing democracy in Oregon. Call for local contacts. (PO Box 1350, Scappoose, OR 97056. 397-5453, ROPOffice@ardvark.com.)(10/97)

Southwest Washington Fairness Coalition works to defeat organized statewide political efforts which limit or deny the civil rights of any resident of Washington. New members welcome. (1701 Broadway, Suite 138, Vancouver, WA 98663, 360-695-1002.) (7/97)

## CRISIS

The **Alcohol and Drug HelpLine** (232-8083 in Portland) and **YouthLine** (233-1113 in Portland) give free, unbiased and confidential assistance. Call 1-800-621-1646 from elsewhere in Oregon. (7/97)

The **Anti-Violence Line**, 796-1703, helps compile statistics on hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. Outside Portland call 1-800-796-1703, (7/97)

Call the **Bias Crime Unit of the Portland Police**, 823-0434, if you feel you have been a victim of any type of bias crime in Portland. (10/97)

Bradley-Angle House provides a weekly confidential battered lesbian and bi women's support group. Confidential intakes. Groups facilitated by queer women. Child care provided; donations accepted. (232-7812.) (12/97)

The **Domestic Violence Resource Center** provides a 24-hour crisis line as well as shelter at a confidential location for women and children escaping domestic violence. Sorry, no boys older than 12 years. (640-1171.) (2/98)

Clackamas Women's Services and the Portland

evenings. Singing membership is open to all qualified singers, but nonsinging members are also needed to help with production. (Audition or membership information 617-7462, PGMC 460-3689.) (2/98)

The **Portland Lesblan Choir** accepts singing members in September and January. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings. Supportive members and volunteers are welcome anytime. (PO Box 8212, Portland, OR 97207. 241-8994, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5912/.) (8/98)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbians, gay men and supportive friends. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Don't play an instrument or sing? Become a Band Aid or a member of the performance flag corps. (Band rehearsal: 6-8 pm Sunday)

**Triangle Project** at ASAP Treatment Services provides gay-specific alcohol and drug counseling. Fees adjusted or waived. Call the intake coordinator Monday through Friday and ask for a Triangle Project appointment. (2130 SW Fifth Ave. 224-0075.) (2/98)

Young People's Sexual Diversity Roundtable is an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for youth sponsored by the Live and Let Live Club. (8 pm Tuesdays. 2940-A SE Bemont St. 238-6091.) (5/98)

#### SOCIAL

**Bad Girls**, Portland's women's S/M educational group, is open to all women interested in exploring the deeper

part of their psyches. All levels of experience welcome. Bad Girls sponsors one workshop, one discussion group and one social event each month. (PO Box 17254, Portland, OR 97217-0254.) (7/97)

BLASTT, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Straights Talking Together, is a discussion group for all women. Meets on Wednesday evenings. (K'Ronda 282-8586.) (8/98)

**Chaps** is an organization dedicated to teaching men the tenets of safe, sane and consensual S/M. Learn the ropes from the more experienced players. (321-5139.) (7/97)

Clackamas County Women's Potluck and Social is an event for those looking to meet new friends, eat lunch and share a little. All women welcome. First Friday of every month. (794-8312.) (8/98)

Forest Grove GLUE (Gays and Lesbians United for Enrichment) is a support group offering the community, its family and friends a safe, friendly place to meet and socialize. Movies, potlucks, discussions, etc. (7:30 pm first and third Mondays. Bill 516-4583.) (11/97)

Funny Ladies Tea and Posey Society meets on the first Saturday of the month for a potluck dinner. Lesbians 35 and older; singles, couples and campers welcome. Some outdoor activities. Monthly newsletter \$9 per year. (232-9714.) (8/98)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social group for heavyset men and the men who love them that way. Party third Saturday of each month and Chub's Night Out monthly. (PO Box 1844, Portland, OR 97202. 241-9714, chubstuff@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~chubstuf.)

Girlfriends (formerly Southwest Washington Lesbian Potluck Group) meets on the third Saturday of every month for a potluck dinner and social evening. All lesbians welcome. (Tina 360-891-8015, Sudi 360-694-4397.) (5/98)

**K-9 Club** is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to hike and talk in Portland parks. (285-2986.) (7/97)

**Lesbian Garden Club** is a social network for lesbians interested in gardening. Newsletters, plant exchanges and social outings. (*Nicki* 287-6120.) (11/96)

Lesbian support group for women 50 and over meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 281-4424, 331-0415.)

Lesbians Enjoying the

**Sciences** is a field-trip oriented group for lesbians who enjoy the natural sciences, e.g., geology, botany, birdwatching and astronomy. (Noon-2 pm first Sunday potluck and planning meeting. 280-0168.) (12/97)

Love Makes a Family—Southwest Washington Chapter is a social group for gay and lesbian families and their allies. (Tina 360-891-8015, Gina 360-253-5438.)

**Metro Club** is a social group for gay men 40 and over and those who appreciate them. Monthly potlucks. (598-3442.) (7/97)

Neighborhood MenTalks brings gay and bisexual men together to socialize and discuss topics of mutual interest. Monthly gatherings are facilitated and hosted by volunteers. (Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145, feschgeoff@aol.com.) (3/98)

**Oregon Bears** is a social group for bears and their admirers. Activities and monthly social gatherings. (240-2813.) (3/96)

Out Dancing teaches partner dancing for same-sex couples. Classes start at the beginning of each month. (236-5129.) (2/98)

Queer Night at LaLuna is an all-ages event. The dance room features a different mix of music each

week. (9 pm Monday. 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$3, \$5 under 21. 241-LUNA.) (2/97)

**The Real Connection** is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians and creative in all the disciplines. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd 288-4736.) (5/98)

**Rose City Discussion Club** is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings and newsletter. (*PO Box* 1370, Clackamas, OR 97015, 650-7052.) (2/98)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. (7-9:45 pm Wednesday on the lower level, Trinity United Methodist Church, 3915 SE Steele St. PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228. 234-9944, www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.) (2/98)

SW Washington Gay and Lesbian Socialites gets together outside the bar scene for hikes, trips, cruises, camping, potlucks and game nights. (Mike 360-735-1901, 360-992-1032, Socialites@aol.com.) (7/98)

**Travel Lambda Connections Club** offers gay men over 40 the opportunity to travel with low-cost accommodations. Members stay in private homes of other gay men. Be a hosting or nonhosting member. (598-3442.) (7/97)

### SPIRITUALITY

Affirmation Portland welcomes gay, lesbian and bisexual Mormons for monthly socials, discussions and fun. (7 pm last Sunday of the month at MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 774-1362.) (5/98)

**The Anawim Community.** Gay men meet weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 493-1080.) (5/98)

**Community of St. Andrew** serves its diverse congregation with Catholic Mass in English at 9:30 am and in Spanish at noon every Sunday. (806 NE Alberta St. 281-4429.) (8/98)

**Dignity—Portland**, an organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual Catholics, their families, friends and lovers, holds weekly Mass. (7:30 pm Saturday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228. 295-4868.) (7/98)

**Directions NW** (ECWR) is a fellowship group for gay and lesbian Christians dedicated to helping others integrate their faith and sexuality. Bible study and support meetings. (PO Box 86383, Portland, OR 97286-0383. 727-3387.) (7/98)

**Diversity as Gift** provides spiritual classes and counseling focusing on the "inherent connectedness" of all people. (241-0073.) (2/98)

**The Downtown Chapel**, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish, offers a monthly Mass for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their friends and supporters. (6 pm third Tuesday. 601 W Burnside St. Roger 223-5907, ext. 130.) (11/97)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist. (10:30 am Sunday. 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 665-2628, eastrose@teleport.com.) (8/98)

East Vancouver United Methodist Church. Reconciling. (10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761.) (3/98)

First Congregational Church UCC Vancouver. Open and affirming. Wheelchair accessible. (9:45 am Sunday. 1220 NE 68th St. 360-693-1476.) (3/98)

First Unitarian Church of Portland. (1011 SW 12th Ave. 228-6389, Bill 236-2830.) (1/98)

Food for the Soul is a monthly discussion group that explores spiritual paths that are welcoming to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and people with HIV. (7:30-9 pm second Wednesday at First Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1816 NW Irving St. Nelly Kaufer 239-3915.) (8/97)

Full Circle Temple is a "universe-ity," sanctuary and place of worship for women of all ages offering workshops, song and drum circles, meditation rooms, altars of celebration, and what you bring to share. Temple priestesses and drop-in women visitors welcome.

(10 am-10 pm Tuesday-Sunday. 3125 E Burnside St. 238-0675.) (2/98)

**Gay Men's Spiritual Connection Group** is a nondenominational Christian fellowship for gay and bisexual men. (Alan or Lee 230-8070.) (9/97)

The God Connection New Thought Community Church. Nondenominational Christian. (10 am Sunday. Suite 200, 5050 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton. 643-7591.) (12/97)

Journey Catholic Community conducts a 6 pm Sunday Mass. (St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. 323-2406.) (2/98)

**Lesbian and Gay Meditation Group** meets for meditation in the Buddhist Vipasana tradition. Donation requested. (7:30-9 pm Wednesday. 2926 NE Flanders St. Greg 727-3575.) (10/97)

Metanoia Peace Community. United Methodist. (John Schwiebert 281-3697.) (2/98)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. Call to get on mailing list. (10:30 am Sunday worship, 7 pm Wednesday Bible study. Office hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.) (7/98)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd. (6 pm Sunday. 4505 E 18th St.,



Women's Crisis Line offer a free confidential domestic violence support group for women battered by women. (Joyce Baxter at PWCL 232-9751, Toni Hughes at CWS 722-2366) (2/98)

Portland Women's Crisis Line operates 24 hours a day. (235-5333, 1-888-235-5333.) (2/98)

Women's Abuse Intervention is an ongoing group for lesbian and bisexual women who use physical or emotional violence to hurt and intimidate their partners. Facilitated by Julie O'Donnell, MSW. (5-7 pm Wednesday. \$10-\$15 per session. Phoenix Rising 223-8299.) (9/97)

The YWCA of Clark County (Vancouver, Wash.) offers free and confidential individual counseling for women abused by their partners. (Lyn Coffman 360-696-0167, 1-800-695-0167.) (8/98)

# MUSIC

**Bridges**, Portland's gay, lesbian and bisexual vocal ensemble, accepts new members in the fall. The group rehearses Wednesday evenings. Administrative support persons are always needed. (242-1675.) (7/97)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus meets most Monday

RECOVERY

Any Lengths, an AA meeting for gay men, meets every Sunday. (10 am. Sixth Floor, Good Samaritan Hospital, 1040 NW 22nd Ave.) (8/98)

at Piedmont Presbyterian Church, 5760 NE Cleveland

Ave. PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207, 790-2170.)

Live and Let Live Club offers lesbian and gay 12-step programs. Call for meeting times. (2940-A SE Belmont St. 238-6091.) (5/98)

Over the Rainbow holds nonsmoking Narcotics Anonymous meetings on Thursdays at the Live and Let Live Club. (7-8:30 pm. 2940-A SE Belmont St. 238-6091.) (10/97)

Rainbow Al-Anon meets on Saturdays at the Alano Club Boardroom. (5:30-6:45 pm. 909 NW 24th Ave. 222-5756.) (7/97)

Rational Recovery does not mystify addiction and recovery; its approach to chemical dependency is as a technical problem with a technical solution. (Cliff Walker 239.5359) (2/98)