# about town

## GROUPS

**Phoenix Rising** is a lesbian and gay service center providing professional counseling (on a sliding scale fee), information and referrals, social-growth activities, an education program, and speakers' bureau. (*Suite 404, 333 SW 5th Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 223-8299.*)

L/GHTS (Lesbian/Gay Humanists) is a special interest group that articulates lesbian and gay concerns to organized humanism and presents humanism in a consistent manner to the lesbian and gay community. The Portland-Vancouver chapter meets regularly. (Jim Scheller, 654-9203.)

The **Adventure Group** meets in front of Lloyd Center Cinemas every Sunday morning for hiking, cross-country skiing, or bicycling, depending on the weather. Activities are free of charge and are open to gay men and lebians. (Recorded message, 8 am, Friday through Sunday, 248-9474.)

The Other Side is a gay and lesbian social organization that meets on the second Friday of every month. (7 pm, Far West Federal Bank community room, 388-2395.)

An **HIV-Positive support group** meets every Wednesday and sponsors a dance every Saturday night. (9 pm-2 am, 388-2395.)

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides love and support for all family members and friends. (7-10 pm, fourth Wednesday, 233-5415.)

Move forward in your life and in your relationships with others in an eight-week group for **single lesbians**. Space is limited. (\$6 per week, 231-3792.)

Community radio station **KBOO 90.7 FM** broadcasts *Bread and Roses*, a weekly feminist and lesbian public-affairs program; *Womansoul*, a program of women's music; and *Detour*, an international gay and lesbian public-affairs show. (*Bread and Roses*, 9-10 pm, *Tuesdays*; *Womansoul*, 10 pm-1 am Fridays; *Detour*, 10-10:30 pm, *Sundays*, 231-8032.)

**Portland Leathermen** is an informal social group that gathers reguarly to wear and enjoy black leather. (10 pm Fridays, Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW 3rd Ave.)

The National Transvestite/Transsexual Hotline is a 24-hour free information service for female impersonators, transsexuals and transvestites. There are over 22,000 members nationwide. (206-239-TVTS.)

The Healing Connection is a breakfast gathering of lay people and professionals who come together to hear speakers, enjoy good food, meet and network with others, and start the day with a positive focus on personal and planetary healing. (7-8:30 am, first and third Thursdays, Ezekiel's Wheel, 2106 NW Northrup St., 281-0332.)

The Funny Ladies Afternoon Tea and Posey Society is a social organization of gay women 35 and over that offers monthly get-togethers, including trips to the theater, concerts, skiing, swimming, and potluck dinners. (774-8702.)

Gay and Lesbian Writers meet the second Thursday of each month for support and critique of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. All are welcome, published and unpublished. (David or Jennifer, 230-9229.)

> What have you done lately to stop the spread of homophobia?

The Portland Chapter of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACTUP) meets weekly to discuss the lack of attention, education, and research on AIDS and plan actions to focus on this agenda. (7-8:30 pm, Wednesdays, Metropolitan Community Church basement, 1644 NE 24th, 244-8809.)

An eight week group for **lesbian couples** helps to gently work through issues of intimacy, freedom, money, and addiction. Space is limited. (\$9 per couple, 231-3792.)

**Test-Positive Aware** is a three meeting series of facts and more for newly-tested HIV positive people. It is co-sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project and Multnomah County Health Division. (New groups start each month, Jay Roberts, 233-5907.)

Gay Men's ACOA meetings are for men who were raised in alcoholic or other dysfunctional homes. (7:30-9 pm, Tuesdays, Live and Let Live Club, 243 SE Ankeny, 231-3760.)



Laura Davis leads a workshop Sunday, April 23 for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse.

Women with Women with Children is a social networking group for lesbians who have or want to have children in their lives, whether as mothers, mother's partners, "Big Sisters," or adoptive mothers. (Monthly activities flyer: 2717 NE Hancock St., Portland, OR 97212, Holly, 282-1529.)

Portland Frontrunners is a running group open to all runners regardless of gender or running ability. (Weekly runs: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, chin-up bars at Duniway Park by YMCA, Barbur Blvd., Thursdays, 6 pm, Mt. Tabor, 232-6004, Saturday, 9 am, chin-up bars, Duniway Park.)

The **Bisexual Community Forum** is a rap and social group open to men and women. (8 pm, second and fourth Mondays, banquet room, Old Wives' Tales, 1300 E Burnside.)

A **Transsexual Support Group** is open male-tofemale, female-to-male, androgynous persons, cross-dressers, transvestites and supporters. (284-9531.)

**Portlandia's Pride** is a monthly social group of gay and lesbian employees of the City of Portland and Multnomah County. (245-2634.)

Westside Organization of Women (WOW) is a social group for west-side women who identify as gay and lesbian. A seasonal newsletter announces the group's events. (\$6 subscription, 17275 SW Blanton, Aloha, OR 97007, 643-9345.)

Debtor's Anonymous is a 12-step recovery program for compulsive debtors and overspenders that uses methods similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous. (7-8:30 pm, Tuesdays, Room 5, and Thursdays, Room 4, fifth floor, Holladay Park Medical Center, 774-8048 or 220-0743.)

**Keeping Track** is a new, facilitated group of gay men and lesbians to explore creativity, sexuality, and insights through journals. (*Frederick*, 287-4634.)

The Park Avenue Social Club (formerly the Gay Bridge Club) is a weekly rap and social group for people of all sexual orientations 18 and over. (7:30 pm, Tuesdays, First Congregational Church, Southwest Madison Street and Park Avenue, use Madison entrance and ring the bell, 244-3225.

### **FOREST Group Events**

All Forest outings are cooperative ventures. Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and choose outings appropriate for their skill and fitness level.

April 1, 2, Saturday and Sunday: Snow Camping in Broken top area. (288-2893.)

April 7: FOREST Potluck and meeting.

(6:30 pm, 288-2893.) **April 9:** Bicycle ride from Sellwood to Oregon City, 2 miles. (235-3765.)

April 13: World Forestry Center, "Tropical Rain Forest." (\$3 general, \$2 students, 255-3487.)
April 15: Kelly Point Bike Ride, 25-30 miles. (288-2893.)

**April 21:** Full moon city hike, 5 miles. (235-3765.)

April 23: Beach hike from Ecola Park to Seaside. Round trip is 13 miles. (235-3765 or 636-3189.) May 6: Horseback riding at Flying M Ranch. (255-3487.)

The **Third Sunday Portland Lesbian Brunch Group** holds monthly potlucks. Open to all lesbians. (11 am, 231-0350 for location.)

**Lesbian Gardening Club** meets monthly to share plants and advice, tour public gardens and visit nurseries. (*Susan*, 287-9697, or Connie, 235-5072.)

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The Rose City Gender Center is open male-tofemale, female-to-male, androgynous persons, cross-dressers, transvestites, and supporters. (359-5439 or 284-9531.)

**Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** is a nontechnical field trip-oriented group interested in both life and physical sciences. (*Lynn*, 777-2339.)

# SPIRITUALITY

The Buddhist Association of the Gay/Lesbian Community serves for the spiritual growth of gay and lesbian Buddhists, acts as a medium for the exchange of ideas and experiences about the unfolding of the Buddihidharma, and believes that the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha have special relevance to lesbians and gays. (PO Box 1974, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd is a Christian Congregation with a positive/supportive outreach to the lesbian and gay community. (4:30 pm, Sundays, 4505 E. 18th St., Vancouver, [206] 253-8401.)

**SisterSpirit** is women sharing spirituality. All women welcome. (*Call for a schedule of events*, 287-3379.)

Mass in Time of AIDS is held weekly at Portland State University. Communion calls are made for housebound individuals. (6 pm, Mondays, Campus Ministry, Fr. Gary McInnis, 245-0339.)

SDA Kinship is a support and fellowship group for lesbian and gay Seventh Day Adventists. (Meets monthly, PO Box 334, Hillsboro, OR 97123, 244-0286.)

**Dignity** is a spiritual support group for lesbian and gay Roman Catholics. (Saturdays, 7:30 pm, St. Francis Church, Southeast 12th Avenue and Pine Street.)

The Sacred Band is a new group that gets together monthly to explore their spirituality through discussion, ritual and weekend retreats. (The Sacred Band, PO Box 13072 Portland, OR 97213.)

Affirmation is a social and support group for lesbian and gay Mormons, their families and friends. (Portland/Vancouver group, PO Box 2917, Vancouver, WA 98668, 206-696-9396.)

United Methodists for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (Affirmation) meets monthly for potluck and fellowship. (Affirmation, PO Box 12673, Portland, OR 97212, Paul, 287-6719.)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland is an Ecumenical Christian church open to all people. (Worship services, 10 am and 6 pm Sundays, 1644 NE 24th, 281-8868.)

# SOUTHERN OREGON

Gay and Lesbian Alcoholics anonymous meets weekly. (Thursdays, call GALON AIDS Hotline, Bruce or Lee, 269-4183.)

The Gay and Lesbian Outreach Network (GALON) supports a gay and lesbian rap group. (7 pm, Tuesdays, Room 205, 371 Anderson, Coos Bay.) The HIV-Positive support group is accessible by calling GALON's AIDS Hotline. (Steve, 269-4183.)

**Roseburg Resources** 

Gay and Lesbian Youth Group meets weekly. (1-3 pm, Sundays, Gay and Lesbian Community Center [GLCC], 3856 Carnes Road, Roseburg, 679-9144.)

HIV support group meets weekly. (7:30 pm, Mondays, GLCC.)

Gay and lesbian discussion group meets weekly. (7:30 pm, Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, 1771 West Harvard Blvd., 679-9144.)

Gay and Lesbian Alliance meets monthly. (7:30

pm, second Thursdays, GLCC.) **Ruby House** is a residence for people with AIDS. (679-6817.)

**AIDS-Helpline** is a 24-hour AIDS information switchboard providing peer counseling, information and referrals. (672-3000.)

Douglas County Gay Archives is a repository for materials relevant to the rural homophile. (PO Box 942, Dillard, OR 97432, 679-9144.)

Gay and Lesbian Support of Southern Oregon, offers support and information for lesbians and gays. (PO Box 43, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.)

The **Lesbian and Gay Hotline** provides information and referrals on local resources and events, AIDS information, as well as supportive listening. (7-11 pm, every night, 773-8146.)

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) helps people deal with issues related to their gay and lesbian children and friends. (First Tuesdays, Candace or Chuck, 482-4017.)

The **Southern Oregon Lambda Association** is a Rogue Valley based organization of lesbians and gay men with a newsletter, fund-raising parties, AIDS eduation outreach, rap groups, outdoor activities and an annual statewide campout. (*First Mondays*, *PO Box 4387*, *Medford*, *OR 97501*, 773-8146.)

The Lavender Steppers is a gay and lesbian Narcotics Anonymous group that meets weekly. (7 pm, Thursdays, Community Services building, Room 106, Grants Pass, enter through the 6th and "C" Street alley.)

The Metropolitan Community Church of Roseburg celebrates Sunday services with the Rev. Jody Ahlstedt. (7 pm, PO Box 2125, Roseburg, OR 97470.)

The Gay and Lesbian and Community Alliance (GALACA) is a student organization which actively seeks to educate the non-gay community on lesbian and gay issues while providing support and services to gay and lesbian students (Thursdays, Jon or Thom, 482-1247, or Tom, 482-1105.)