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families of all types, the integrity of a democratic educational system, and the safety of all children. (PO Box 1485, Sandy, OR, 97055, 253-8160 or 288-4306.) (5/5)

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation outpost has been established in Portland to challenge the myths, stereotypes, misinformation and homophobia in our area, and to mobilize rapid responses to media insensitivity and bigotry. CLAAD needs volunteers. (239-7062 or e-mail: gladpdx@aol.com.) (6/16)

Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest is a historical society and archiving project working to preserve and document local gay and lesbian history. (Meets first Mondays, PO Box 3646, Portland OR 97208-3646, 284-1872.) (8/4)

Lesbian Avengers is a direct-action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival and visibility. (7:30 pm, first and third Tuesdays, *Rexall Rose Cafe*, 2403 NE Alberta St., write: PO Box 11544, Portland, OR 97211, or call: 452-5408.) (8/4)

Log Cabin Republicans is part of a nationwide coalition of lesbian and gay Republicans. (6:30 pm, third Tuesdays, *Club Max, Red Lion Hotel Downtown*, Southwest Lincoln Street and Fourth Avenue, Lee 642-7292.) (12/1)

Progressive Queers is an informal group working for social justice by taking action on issues of race, economic justice, cultural understanding and gender and sexual identity. (6:30-8 pm, fourth Thursdays, location or information: *Katharine* 287-6082.) (2/16/96)

Radical Women is active in the daily struggle against racism, sexism, anti-gay bigotry and labor exploitation. Meets every third Thursday. (6:30 pm, *Northwest Service Center*, 1819 NW Everett St., Room 201, 228-3090, fax: 223-2390.) (5/19)

Right To Privacy 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; fax: 228-1104; e-mail: rtppac@aol.com.) (10/20)

Stopping Violence Against Women is a direct-action and education group that recognizes pornography and prostitution as extremes on a continuum of violence against women. (777-2796.) (5/19)

CRISIS

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. A service of the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. (6/15)

The **Anti-Violence Line** at 796-1703 helps compile statistics on hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. **Outside of Portland, call 1-800-796-1703.** A service of the Lesbian Community Project. (5/19)

Battered Lesbian Outreach and Community Support offers a confidential, weekly, support group in Washington County, as well as one-on-one support, referrals, and advocacy. Open to women escaping domestic violence by a woman partner. Lesbian facilitator. Child care provided. (*Jane* 948-7579.) (10/21)

Battered Lesbian Support Group is a confidential group for lesbians and bisexual women who have been physically, sexually or emotionally battered in their relationships with women. (*Womenspace*, Eugene, 485-6513, ask for Carrie.) (5/19)

Call the **Bias Crime Unit** of the Portland Police at 823-0434 if you feel you have been a victim of any type of bias crime in Portland. Jim Bellah is the bias crime detective. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. (10/21)

The **Domestic Violence Resource Center** provides a 24-hour crisis line as well as shelter at a confidential location for all women and children escaping domestic violence. (640-1171.) (10/21)

Lesbians deserve lives free of violence. Battered lesbian support groups facilitated by lesbians. Confidential intakes. Child care provided, donations accepted. (*Sandi* 289-6869.) (10/21)

MUSIC

Boundless Spirits: a performance-oriented choral group of New Thought persuasion seeks experienced, like-minded singers and instrumentalists. Partnership in group vision includes Tuesday evening rehearsals, independent rehearsals, and several evening or weekend performances each month. (*Rehearsals at Unity Church of Beaverton*, Bob 231-5135.) (4/17)

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. (*For information, to schedule an audition or book a performance, call 242-1675.*) (3/15/96)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus rehearses Monday evenings. (699-8586, to audition: 255-HOMO.) (4/19/96)

The **Portland Lesbian 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.) (10/6)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbians, gay men and supportive friends. Bring your instrument and a music stand, if you have one. (*Mailing address*, PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207, information line: 790-2170.) (2/17)

Don't play an instrument or sing, but still want to join in the fun? Become a part of the **Rose City Gay Freedom Band's performance flag corps.** (*Samantha Conn* 222-9843.) (2/17)

RECOVERY

Co-Dependents Anonymous for Gay Men and Lesbians meets weekly. (7-8:30 pm Sundays, *Live and Let Live Club*, 2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (2/17)

Fire Fairies holds NA candlelight meetings. (8:15-9:30 pm Wednesdays, *Live and Let Live Club*, 2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (10/21)

Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rainbow Group of Vancouver holds non-smoking AA meetings every Monday. (8 pm, *Personalities*, 115 E Seventh St., Vancouver, 360-694-5068.) (12/21)

Gay men's adult children of alcoholics group. (7:30-9 pm Tuesdays, *Live and Let Live Club*, 2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (2/17)



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Pleasure activist Annie Sprinkle will ruffle your poker face in a series of Portland gigs beginning Oct. 23 (see calendar)

Live and Let Live Club offers lesbian and gay 12-Step programs. Call for calendar and meeting times. (2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (5/19)

Rainbow AI-Anon meets at the Alano Club boardroom. (5:30-6:45 pm Saturdays, 909 NW 24th Ave., 222-5756.) (2/16/96)

Rational Recovery meets three times a week at the Center for Rational Thought. RTR does not mystify addiction and recovery; its approach to chemical dependency is as a technical problem with a technical solution. (7 pm Mondays and Thursdays; 6 pm Fridays, 415 SW 13th Ave., *Cliff Walker* 239-5359.) (6/16)

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous You are not alone. A 12-Step group for those struggling with sexual and/or emotional dependency. (6 pm Wednesdays and Sundays, PO Box 6736, Portland, 97228, 650-7009.) (5/19)

SOCIAL

Ample Opportunities organizes many activities for large women. (245-1524.) (5/19)

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. (*Bad Girls*, PO Box 17254, Portland, OR 97217-0254.) (8/4)

Bisexual Community Forum is celebrating 15 years of service to Portland's bisexual and bi-friendly community. Socials held on second and fourth Wednesdays. (7:30 pm, *Chopstix Express, East Burnside* and 27th Avenue, *Lauri*: 285-4848.) (11/17)

BLASTT: Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Straights Talking Together is a discussion group for all women. (Meets Wednesday evenings, *Catherine* 233-1979 or *K'Ronda* 282-8586.) (8/4)

A **book reading group** is forming to read and discuss works by Latina writers. Scheduled to meet the first Sunday of each month. No cost. All are welcome to attend. (7:30 pm, *In Other Words* bookstore, *Celeste* 235-7351.) (4/7)

Cascade Bears: is a group of like-minded men who support and further the Bear Movement for Bears and their admirers in the Northwest. The group is currently having a membership drive. (625 SW 10th Ave., Suite 125, Portland, OR 97205-2788, \$15 per year membership dues, *Bear Line* 323-6071.) (6/16)

Chaps is an organization devoted to teaching men new to the leather community the tenets of safe, sane and consensual S/M. Learn the how-to's from more experienced players. (*Send name, address and a brief statement of interest to: Chaps*, PO Box 5161, Portland OR 97208.) (8/4)

Eastside Out is a woman's night of entertainment, dancing and community every Sunday. DJ Mel spins the discs and presents live entertainment. Don't be left out! (9 pm-midnight, *East Avenue Tavern*, 727 E Burnside St., \$2, 236-6900.) (4/7)

Forest Grove Gays and Lesbians United for Enrichment offers gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, their families and friends a safe and friendly environment to meet and socialize. Activities include camp-outs, barbecues, rafting and movies. (7:30 pm, first and third Mondays, information: *Rhonda* or *Sue* 357-3107.) (1/19)

Gay dads support group meets monthly for support and socializing in an unstructured setting. All dads and prospective dads welcome. (238-1938.) (12/21)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social group for chubby men and their admirers. (PO Box 8333, Portland OR 97283, *Chubline*: 283-5650.) (9/18)

K-9 Club is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to walk, talk, in Portland-area parks. (First and third Sundays, 285-2986.) (8/4)

Lesbian Garden Club is a social network for lesbians interested in gardening. Newsletters, plant exchanges and social outings. (*Sandi* 161-3979.) (12/1)

Lesbian support group for women 50 and over meets the third Saturday of every month. (7-10 pm, 281-4424 or 331-0415.) (8/4)

LesBOS (Lesbians of Size) is a social/support group for all size-embracing lesbians and for those who want to be. (7-9 pm, third Thursdays, \$1 per lesbian, *Gail* 233-1816.) (4/19/96)

Metro Club is a social group for gay men 40 and over and those who appreciate them. Potlucks monthly on the fourth Sunday. (598-3442.) (4/7)

Queer Night at LaLuna is an all-ages event. The fabulous dance room features a different mix of music each week, sometimes with live bands! (Mondays, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3-\$10 sliding scale.) (9/1)

The Real Connection: A social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians and creative in all the disciplines. Informal potluck gatherings on the second Friday of every month. (*Call for meeting details: Todd* 288-4736 or *Mike* 282-0107.) (5/19)

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 non-hosting member and have a "home-away-from-home" experience. (TLC Club, PO Box 86492, Portland, OR 97286, 598-3442.) (4/7)

SPIRITUALITY

Congregation Neveh Shalom (conservative) sponsors a gay and lesbian outreach. Meetings, services and other events are held monthly. All interested people are invited to attend. (*Sheri Cordova* 246-8831.) (5/19)

Dignity/Portland, the national organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual Catholics, their families, friends and lovers, welcomes all to weekly Mass. (7:30 pm Saturdays, *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*, 1432 SW 13th Ave., mailing address: PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228, call 295-4868.) (10/6)

First Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming Congregation, extends a warm welcome to gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. Wheelchair accessible; free parking. (Worship: 10:30 am Sunday, 1126 SW Park Ave., Portland, 228-7219.) (10/20)

First Unitarian Church of Portland welcomes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. (Services: 8:30, 10, and 11:30 am Sundays, 1011 SW 12th Ave., *Bill* 236-2830.) (5/19)

First United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation where you are invited to worship and serve God in every aspect of church activity. Off-street parking, wheelchair accessible. Nursery and Sunday

Wear someone else's pants to a Halloween Party! (see calendar for Saturday, Oct. 28, parties)



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School. Pastor Ross Miller, Wendy Woodworth, assoc. (10:30 am Sunday worship, 1838 SW Jefferson, 228-3195.) (2/17)

Gay and Bisexual Spirituality holds monthly potluck meetings for men who want to enhance and foster spiritual growth in the gay men's community. Facilitated by Samuel Stoddard and Dean Sidwell. (6-9 pm, second Sundays, *Samuel* 289-3833.) (4/19/96)

The God Connection Center for New Thought Christianity. Rev. Casey Chaney and Rev. Berdell Moffett, senior ministers. (10 am Sundays, 12385 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, 643-7591.) (4/19/96)

Journey Catholic Community. Searching? So are we. Mass with the Rev. Gary McInnis. All are welcome. (6 pm Sundays, *Southwest 13th Avenue and Clay Street*, 245-0339.) (5/19)

Lesbian and Gay Meditation Group meets for sitting in the Buddhist tradition. Discussion follows. (7:30 pm Fridays, *Greg* 727-3575 or *Lily* 253-2685.) (2/16/96)

Metanoia Peace Community is a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church that welcomes lesbians and gay men in its life and ministry. (*Activity schedule: 284-7996, co-pastors: Joyce McManus* 284-3426 and *John Schwiebert* 281-3697.) (5/19)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland is a community coming together to proclaim through words and action the message of God's loving presence in all creation. The Rev. Roy A. Cole, pastor. (Worship: 10 am Sunday; 7 pm Wednesday, office hours: 9 am-2 pm Monday-Friday, 2400 NE Broadway, 281-8868.) (5/19)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd is a Christian congregation that celebrates God's love for everyone. Services are open to all. Rev. Teresa L. Nunn, pastor. (Worship: 6 pm Sunday, 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver; PO Box 5094, Vancouver, WA 98668, 360-695-1480.) (10/6)

Positive Presence is a gay, lesbian and bisexual spiritual discussion group that meets the first and third Sunday of every month for potluck, prayer, meditation and discussion of various spiritual issues. Varying forms of spiritual expression welcome and encouraged. (5 pm potluck, *Loyola Retreat Center*, 3220 SE 43rd Ave., 860-2798.) (10/21)

Potter's House is an evangelical and charismatic Christian church open to everyone, with special emphasis on meeting the needs of the community. Bill Roberts, pastor. (Bible study 9:30 am, worship 10:30 am Sunday; scripture study on homosexuality 7 pm Tuesday; worship/study 7 pm Wednesday, 3830 SE 62nd Ave., 775-5024.) (6/16)

Radical Faeries co-create their spirituality with nature, subvert uniformity, and practice the politics of play. (235-0826.) (5/19)

Reach Out! is a support group for gay men and lesbians who are former Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. (PO Box 1173, *Clackamas* OR 97015, 657-0620.) (8/4)

St. Philip Neri's Paulist Center sponsors Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach with Mass, followed by socializing. (7:30 pm Fridays, 2408 SE 16th Ave., 231-4955.) (8/4)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation. Rector, the Rev. Constance A. Hammond. Eucharist and healing service (12:10 pm Wednesdays). Inclusive Language Eucharist (5:30 pm Thursdays). Eucharist (7:45 pm Sundays). Eucharist with choir; Sunday school and nursery (10 am Sundays). (1432 SW 13th Ave., 223-6424.) (5/19)

Seventh-day Adventist, Kinship International offers spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDAs who are gay or lesbian. A not-for-profit organization. (PO Box 7320, *Laguna Niguel*, CA 92677, 714-248-1299.) (7/7)

Shalom Ministries is open to all gay- and lesbian-friendly persons. Vocal ensemble (6:30 pm Wednesdays). Worship (7:45 pm Wednesdays). Also Coming Out, Grief and Reconciling Religion and Homosexuality groups and counseling. United Methodist pastors, the Revs. Jeanne G. Knepper and Alice Knotts. (760-4215.) (5/19)

SisterSpirit is women sharing spirituality. All women welcome. Most events wheelchair accessible. **Women in the Hebrew Scriptures "Matriarchs,"** (7-9 pm Oct. 24, \$5 suggested donation, offices). **Feminist Christian Communion** honors the divine in women. Open to all (7:30 pm Oct. 25, *Queen of Heaven Gnostic Chapel*, 2229 SW Market St.). **SisterSpirit Samhain Celebration** (7 pm Oct. 29, call for location). (Offices: Suite 426, 408 SW Second Ave., Portland; mailing address: PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207, 294-0645.) (4/19/96)

University Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation which welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of sexual orientation. (Worship: 9:55 am Sundays, 4775 N Lombard St., *Karen E. Crooch*, pastor, 289-7843.) (5/19)

SPORTS

The **Adventure Group** meets for regularly scheduled hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities. (452-5680.) (12/1)

Allegro Bocce Portland: for anyone interested in learning to play Italian or French lawn bowling with time to dedicate to the sport. (Contact *Paul* or *Wayne* 693-0963.) (8/4)

Forest Group outings are cooperative adventures for women only. Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and choosing outings appropriate for their skill and fitness level. (287-5540.) (12/21)

Oregon Trail Gay Rodeo Association promotes equine sports and the country/western lifestyle in the lesbian and gay community. (775-1916.) (2/16/96)

Out Dancing: partner dancing (nightclub and ballroom style) for same-sex partners. Learn the Rumba, Cha-Cha, Mambo, East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, Tango, Waltz and more. A month-long series of classes starts at the beginning of each month. All classes taught by a professional instructor. (7-8:30 pm Fridays, *Vicki Mills Studio of Dance*, 3536 SE 26th Ave., \$7 per person, 236-5129 or 282-0790.) (3/15/96)

Portland Frontrunners is an internationally affiliated running club for gay men, lesbians and their friends. Everyone is welcome to run. (6:30 pm Tuesday; 9 am Saturday, *Duniway Park*, *Tamara* 233-4937.) (10/6)

Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association (11 am Sundays, *Pro 300 Lanes*, 3031 SE Powell Blvd., *Tom* 293-0438, or write: *PCBA*, PO Box 851, Portland, OR 97207.) (5/19)

Rose City Softball Association is Oregon's only nationally affiliated gay and lesbian softball league. Friendly competition for all skill levels. Players provide their own equipment. Fall and spring season play; ASA sanctioned. Nonplayers who want to volunteer are welcome. (*Scott* 244-8520, *Toni* 788-9375, *Jim* 281-7637.) (4/19/98)

Rosetown Ramblers. Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club. dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. (7-9:45 pm Wednes-