

# out about town

**Northwest Gender Alliance** is a social and support organization for cross-dressers and transsexuals. Monthly open meetings and socials. (PO Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208-4928, 646-2802.) (5/19)

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gay Men** provides love and support for all family members and friends of lesbians and gay men. Meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, but call for November and December meeting dates. (7-9:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., or write, PO Box 8944, Portland, OR 97207, 232-7676.) (4/19/96)

**Phoenix Rising Foundation Inc.** is a mental health agency primarily serving members of the sexual minority communities. Services are open to all and include individual, couples, family and group counseling and support groups. Sliding scale fee and some insurance coverage is available. Coming out groups for men, women and youth meet regularly. The agency also can provide educational sessions and inservice training on homophobia. A peer support group for pre- and postoperative transsexuals meets Tuesdays (7:30-9 pm). (620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 710, Portland, OR 97204, 223-8299.) (5/19)

**PrideLine:** The Resource Line. Prerecorded information in over 20 categories including women's resources, night spots, AIDS/HIV, and more. (243-3424.) (5/17/96)

**Portland Bisexual Alliance** seeks to build an active and stable bisexual community in Portland through support groups, politics and social activities. A mixed-gender support group meets on the first Thursday, and a men's group meets on the fourth Thursday, at Laughing Horse Books. (232-9275, e-mail to pdxbi@aol.com.) (4/19/96)

**Portland Bisexual Women** is a discussion group for bisexual women or any woman who may be wondering about her sexuality. A forum for exchanging ideas, feelings, resources and information about bisexuality. Women of any age, race, culture encouraged to attend. (7-9 pm, second and fourth Fridays, It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., preregister: 236-0505 or 283-6433.) (4/7)

**Portland Leather Men** meets the second Saturday of each month for a potluck dinner at a member's home. (To join, write: PLM, 1701 Broadway, Suite 273, Vancouver, WA 98663.) (5/17/96)

**Portland Metro Area PC User Group** for lesbians. (777-3020.) (8/4)

**Pride Northwest** is an ongoing organization that plans Lesbian/Gay Pride and other Pride-associated events. (PO Box 6611, Portland OR 97228, 295-9788.) (6/15)

**Right to Privacy 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; fax: 228-1104; e-mail: rtpac@aol.com.) (10/21)

**Transgressive Sexuality** is an open forum for exploration and discussion which has as its focus nontraditional gender and sexual identities. Men, women and other sexes are welcome. Meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (7 pm, It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd.) (5/19)

**Trans-Port** is a peer support organization, open to all transgendered people and their families. With biweekly and monthly open meetings. (PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913, 774-8463.) (8/4)

## POLITICAL

**Advocates for Gay and Lesbian Equality** is an organization founded to advocate for lesbian, gay and bisexual equality and to devise and implement activities which promote positive images of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. Call or write for information. (PO Box 5222, Portland, OR 97208, 286-0191.) (6/16)

**Basic Rights Oregon** (formerly No on 13 Campaign) is an ongoing electoral organization working statewide to keep discrimination out of the Oregon Constitution. (PO Box 40625, Portland, OR 97240, 222-6151.) (4/19/96)

**Coalition for Human Dignity** is an antifascist organizing group concerned with monitoring, exposing and confronting far-right and new-right political groups. (7 pm, first and third Thursdays, Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, 281-5823.) (10/6)

**Families Political Action Committee** recently formed to represent diverse family structures. Efforts will focus on the freedom of 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)

**A 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. GLAAD needs volunteers. (239-7062 or e-mail: glaadpcix@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.) (12/11)

**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: rtpac@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)



Blush will perform at the annual LCP/PLC New Year's Eve celebration

## 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 nonsmoking 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)

**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 Al-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. RR 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, Laury: 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. (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 761-3979.) (12/11)

**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)

**Single professional women over 38** meet for dinner, films, plays and music. Call for upcoming events. (249-2091.) (5/17/96)

**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)