

out about town

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. (6/96)

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. (5/96)

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.) (10/96)

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, Carrie 485-6513.) (5/96)

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. (10/96)

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.) (10/96)

Lesbians deserve lives free of violence. Battered lesbian support groups facilitated by lesbians. Confidential intakes. Child care provided; donations accepted. (Sandi 289-6869.) (10/96)

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. (To schedule an audition or book a performance: 242-1675.) (3/96)

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

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.) (6/96)

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. (PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207, 790-2170.) 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.) (2/96)

RECOVERY

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.) (12/96)

Live and Let Live Club offers lesbian and gay 12-step programs. Call for calendar and meeting times. (Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, 460-9404.) (8/96)

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

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.) (6/96)

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step group for those struggling with sexual and/or emotional dependency, meets at 6 pm Wednesdays and Sundays. (PO Box 6736, Portland, OR 97228, 650-7009.) (5/96)

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.) (12/96)

SOCIAL

Ample Opportunities organizes many activities for large women. (245-1524.) (5/96)

Bad Girls: Portland's women's S/M educational group is open to all women interested in exploring the deeper part of their psyche. 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.) (6/96)

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 Street and 27th Avenue, Laury 285-4848.) (11/96)

BLASTT: Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Straights Talking Together is a discussion group for all women. Meets Wednesday evenings. (Catherine 233-1979; K'Ronda 282-8586.) (8/96)

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.) (6/96)

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.) (6/96)

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, 357-3107.) (1/96)

Funny Ladies Afternoon Tea and Posey Society meets on the first Sunday of each month for a potluck. Some outdoor activities. Lesbians 35 and older; singles, couples and campers welcome. Monthly newsletter \$8 per year. (232-9714.) (6/96)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social group for chubby men and their admirers. (PO Box 1844, Portland, OR 97207, Chub Line: 241-4535.) (8/96)

K-9 Club is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to walk and talk in Portland parks on first and third Sundays. (285-2986.) (6/96)

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 the third Saturday of every month. (7-10 pm, 281-4424; 331-0415.) (8/96)

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 third Sundays potluck and planning meeting, 280-0168.) (1/97)

LesbOS (Lesbians of Size) is a social and support group for all size-embracing lesbians and for those who want to be. (7-9 pm third Thursdays, \$1 per lesbian, Gail 774-5774.) (11/96)

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.) (8/96)

Out Dancing: partner dancing (nightclub and ballroom style) for same-sex partners. Learn the rumba, cha-cha, line dancing, night club, two-step, country partner, East and West Coast swing, tango, waltz and more. A monthlong series of classes starts at the beginning of each month. All classes are taught by a professional instructor. (7-8:30 pm Fridays, Vicki Mills Studio of Dance, 3536 SE 26th Ave., \$7 per person, 236-5129; 282-0790.) (9/96)

Pacific Northwest Roamers 4x4 the back roads of Mount St. Helens, Mount Adams and other hard-to-reach places, exploring nature at its best. Day trips and overnight camping. Gay, bi and straight members welcome; 4x4 not necessary. (Ed Gagnon 360-887-4853.) (6/96)

Phi Delta Lambda, a business and professional organization new to the Northwest, is looking for charter members. (241-2441.) (6/96)

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! (9 pm Mondays, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3, \$4 under 21, 241-LUNA.) (9/96)

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; Mike 282-0107.) (5/96)

Single women 38 and over (with credit cards) meet for dinner, concerts, music, etc. (Call for upcoming events: 288-5369.) (9/96)

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.) (8/96)

SPIRITUALITY

Affirmation-Portland Chapter, a group for gay and lesbian Mormons and their families and friends, meets monthly for fun and support. (612-0477.) (9/96)

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.) (5/96)

The Downtown Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish, welcomes everyone. Monthly Mass offered for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their friends and supporters. (6 pm, Aug. 27, 601 W Burnside St., Roger 223-5907 ext. 130.) (2/97)

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.; PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228, 295-4868.) (5/96)

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 Sundays, 1126 SW Park Ave., 228-7219.) (10/96)

First Unitarian Church of Portland welcomes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. (Services 9:30 and 11 am Sundays, 1011 SW 12th Ave., 228-6389; Bill 236-2830.) (9/96)

The God Connection-New Thought Community Church, with Revs. Berdell Moffett and Casey Chaney, celebrates liberal, practical Christianity. (Services 10 am Sundays, 12385 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, 643-7591.) (12/96)

Go Fish is a Christian lesbian group that meets monthly for unity, enlightenment, praise and activism. (Elizabeth 288-1072.) (2/97)

Journey Catholic Community. Searching? So are we. Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome at the table. (Sundays, Southwest 13th Avenue and Clay Street, 323-2406.) (12/96)

Lake Oswego United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation that welcomes people of all sexual orientations. (Worship 10:30 am Sundays, 1111 SW Country Club Road, 635-4348; <http://www.teleport.com/~repmail/lucc.html>.) (5/96)

Lesbian spirituality group seeks new members. (Nancy 236-1420.) (6/96)

Metanoia Peace Community is a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church that welcomes lesbians and gay men in its life and ministry. (Call for activity schedule: 284-7996; Joyce McManus 284-3426; John Schwiabert 281-3697.) (5/96)

Metropolitan Community Church 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 Sundays; 7 pm Wednesdays; office hours 9 am-2 pm Monday-Friday, 2400 NE Broadway, 281-8868.) (5/96)

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 Sundays, 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver; PO Box 5094, Vancouver, WA 98668, 360-695-1480.) (10/96)

Peace Church of the Brethren celebrates and affirms the image of God in people of every age, gender, race and sexual orientation. (Worship 11 am Sundays, 12727 SE Market St., 254-6380.) (12/96)

Positive Presence is a lesbian and bisexual women's spiritual discussion group that meets the first and third Sundays of every month for potluck, prayer, meditation and discussion of spiritual issues. (4 pm open forum; 5 pm potluck followed by discussion, Loyola Retreat Center, 3220 SE 43rd Ave., 860-2798.) (9/96)

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 Sundays; worship and Bible study 7 pm Wednesdays, 3830 SE 62nd Ave., 775-5024.) (11/96)

Radical Faeries co-create their spirituality with nature, subvert uniformity, and practice the politics of play. (235-0826.) (5/96)

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Anglo-Catholic Orthodox Church is all-inclusive. Counseling, support groups, Bible study, self-defense, social events, special devotions and a newsletter are offered. All services are also available per your needs. Fr. Paul Verhaeren, pastor. (Mass and communion 9 am Sundays, 1911 NE Shannon Dr., Hillsboro, 693-0963.) (12/96)

St. James Lutheran Church, a Reconciled Congregation, welcomes all. (Worship 9 and 11 am Sundays, 1315 SW Park Ave., 227-2439.) (9/96)

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.) (8/96)

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; eucharist 7:45 am Sundays; eucharist with choir, Sunday school and nursery 10 am Sundays, 1432 SW 13th Ave., 223-6424.) (9/96)

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. Monthly activities and a newsletter are offered in the Portland area. (National office: PO Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, 714-248-1299; local office: PO Box 33104, Portland, OR 97233, 244-0286.) (6/96)

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.) (5/96)

SisterSpirit is women sharing spirituality. All women welcome. Most events are wheelchair accessible. (408 SW Second Ave., Suite 426; PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207, 294-0645.) (1/97)

Southminster Presbyterian Church welcomes people of all sexual orientations. Wheelchair accessible; Sunday school and nursery care available. Pastors are Jim Petersen and Laurie Miller. (Services 9:30 and 11:00 am in winter; 10 am in summer, 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton, OR 97008, 644-2073.) (8/96)

University Park United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation that welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of sexual orientation. (Worship 9:55 am Sundays, 4775 N Lombard St., Rev. Deedee Walters 289-7843.) (1/97)

SPORTS

The **Adventure Group** meets for regularly scheduled hiking, camping, skiing, bicycling and other noncompetitive outdoor activities. (452-5680.) (6/96)

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.) (12/96)

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

Portland Frontrunners is an internationally affiliated running club for gay men, lesbians and their friends. Everyone is welcome to run. (6:30 pm Tuesdays; 9 am Saturdays, Dunway Park, Tamara 233-4937.) (10/96)

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.) (4/96)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. (7-9:45 pm Wednesdays, lower level, Trinity United Methodist Church, Southeast 39th Avenue and Steele Street; PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228, Karin 232-7643; Michael 297-6416.) (5/96)

Swim OUT is a monthly swim hour for lesbian and gay families and couples at the YWCA. Volunteer lifeguards are on duty. (4-5 pm third Sundays, \$3.75 per family, 223-6281.) (6/96)

Team Portland Aquatic Club is an organized masters swim team for all swimming levels and interests. (9-11 am Sundays, YWCA, 1111 SW 10th Ave., Jill 228-1596.) (6/96)

Team Portland Tennis Association is a club for lesbian, gay and bisexual tennis players of all levels. The team plays every Sunday morning, publishes a newsletter, and holds occasional business meetings and social tennis mixers. New members always welcome. (Carol 231-0949; A.J. 234-1415.) (9/96)

Wednesday Night Mixers Summer Bowling League meets at Pro 300 Lanes from June to August. Thirty teams participate; the

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