

# out about town

**Clackamas Women's Services** and the **Portland Women's Crisis Line** offer a free, confidential domestic violence support group for lesbians. (Joyce Baxter at PWCL 232-9751, Toni Hughes at CWS 722-2366.) (3/97)

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. (Call to schedule an audition or book a performance: 242-1675.) (7/97)

**Portland Gay Men's Chorus** meets most Monday evenings. Singing membership is open to all qualified singers, but nonsinging members are also needed to help with production. (6:30-9:30 pm, MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. Call for audition or membership information: 617-7462, 699-8586.) (4/97)

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.) (7/97)

**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, but still want to join in the fun? Become a Band Aid or a member of the **performance flag corps**. (Band rehearsal: 6-8 pm Sunday, Piedmont Presbyterian Church, 5760 NE Cleveland Ave. PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. 790-2170.) (4/97)

## RECOVERY

**Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rainbow Group of Vancouver** holds nonsmoking AA meetings every Monday. (8 pm. Personalities, 115 E Seventh St. 360-694-5068.) (12/96)

**Live and Let Live Club** offers lesbian and gay 12-step programs. Call for calendar and meeting times. (2940-A SE Belmont St. 460-9404.) (7/97)

**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** meets two 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 Monday, 6 pm Friday. 415 SW 13th Ave. Cliff Walker 239-5359.) (4/97)

**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.) (7/97)

**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.) (7/97)

**Bisexual Community Forum** is celebrating 16 years of service to Portland's bisexual, bi-friendly and bi-curious women, men and couples. Socials held on second and fourth Wednesdays. (7:30 pm. Utopia Coffeehouse, 3320 SE Belmont St. Laury 285-4848.) (3/97)

**BLASTT**, Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Straights Talking Together, is a discussion group for all women. Meets Wednesday evenings. (Catherine 233-1979, K'Ronda 282-8586.) (7/97)

**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.) (7/97)

**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)

**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 Tea and Posey Society** meets on the first Saturday evening of the month for a potluck. Lesbians 35 and older; singles, couples and campers welcome. Some outdoor activities. Monthly newsletter \$9 per year. (234-1383.) (7/97)

**Gentle Giants of Oregon** is a social group for chubby men and their admirers. (PO Box 1844, Portland, OR 97207. Chub Line 241-4535.) (7/97)

**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 every month. (7-10 pm. 281-4424, 331-0415.) (7/97)

**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 Sunday potluck and planning meeting. 280-0168.) (1/97)

**LesbOS** (Lesbians of Size) is a social and support group for size-accepting lesbians of any size. (7-9 pm third Thursday. 246-4382.) (5/97)

**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.) (7/97)

**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)

**Rose City Discussion Club** is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings and newsletter. All are welcome. (PO Box 1370, Clackamas, OR 97015. 650-7052.) (3/97)

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



**The 3rd Floor, a sketch comedy troupe, puts on two all-new shows in January and February at Stark Raving Theatre**

Wednesday, Trinity United Methodist Church lower level, 3915 SE Steele St. PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228. 234-9944, <http://www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers/>) (3/97)

**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 Monday. 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$3, \$4 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. Informal potluck gatherings on the second Friday of every month. (Call for meeting details: Todd 288-4736, Mike 282-0107.) (7/97)

**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 and have a "home-away-from-home" experience. (598-3442.) (7/97)

## SPIRITUALITY

**Affirmation-Portland Chapter** welcomes gay and lesbian Mormons, their families and friends for social, fun and support activities. (6 pm third Sunday of the month. Metropolitan Community Church Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 612-0477.) (5/97)

**Atheist Community Center of Oregon** welcomes people of all sexual orientations and offers realistic alternatives to supernatural beliefs. (7:30 pm Tuesday. 415 SW 13th Ave. 241-9268.) (3/97)

**Congregation Neveh Shalom** (conservative) sponsors gay and lesbian outreach. Meetings, services and other events are held monthly. All interested people are invited to attend. (Shari Cordova 246-8831.) (7/97)

**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. (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 Saturday. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228. 295-4868.) (7/97)

**First Congregational Church**, an Open and Affirming Congregation, extends a warm welcome to gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. Wheelchair accessible; free parking. (10:30 am Sunday. 1126 SW Park Ave. 228-7219.) (10/96)

**First Unitarian Church of Portland** welcomes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. (8:30, 10 and 11:30 am Sunday. 1011 SW 12th Ave. 228-6389, Bill 236-2830.) (7/97)

**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. Classes on a donation basis. Temple priestesses and drop-in women visitors welcome. (10 am-10 pm daily. 3125 E Burnside St. 238-0675.) (5/97)

**The God Connection-New Thought Community Church**, with Revs. Berdell Moffett and Casey Chaney, celebrates liberal,

**Metanoia Peace Community** is a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church that welcomes lesbians and gay men in its life and ministry. (John Schwiebert 281-3697.) (3/97)

**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. (Services: 10 am Sunday, 7 pm Wednesday. Office hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.) (7/97)

**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. (6 pm Sunday. 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver, Wash. PO Box 5094, Vancouver, WA 98668. 360-695-1480.) (10/96)

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

**Portland Faith Community** is a nondenominational church that expects and enjoys diversity. Services led by the Rev. Georgia Ellis. (Sunday: 10 am meditation, 10:30 am coffee, 11 am service. 8678 NE Sumner St. 287-3518.) (4/97)

**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. (Sunday: 9:30 am Bible study, 10:30 am worship. Wednesday: 7 pm worship and Bible study. 3830 SE 62nd Ave. 775-5024.) (11/96)

**Radical Faeries** co-create spirituality with nature, subvert uniformity, and practice the politics of play. (235-0826.) (7/97)

**St. James Lutheran Church**, a Reconciling Congregation, welcomes all. (9 and 11 am Sunday. 1315 SW Park Ave. 227-2439.) (7/97)

**St. Philip Neri's Paulist Center** sponsors Catholic gay and lesbian outreach with Mass, followed by socializing. (7:30 pm Friday. 2408 SE 16th Ave. 231-4955.) (7/97)

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** is an Open and Affirming Congregation. Rector, the Rev. Constance A. Hammond. (Wednesday: 12:10 pm Eucharist and healing service. Sunday: 7:45 am Eucharist, 10 am Eucharist with choir, Sunday school and nursery. 1432 SW 13th Ave. 223-6424.) (7/97)

**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.) (7/97)

**Shalom Ministries** is open to all gay- and lesbian-friendly people. Spiritual fellowship on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Coming out, grief, and reconciling religion and homosexuality counseling and groups available. United Methodist pastor, the Rev. Jeanne G. Knepper. (760-4215.) (7/97)

**SisterSpirit** is women sharing spirituality. All women welcome. Most events are wheelchair accessible. (Suite 426, 408 SW Second Ave. 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. (9:30 and 11 am in winter, 10 am in summer. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton, OR 97008. 644-2073.) (5/97)

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

## SPORTS

The **Adventure Group**, Portland's gay and lesbian outdoors group, organizes a variety of activities and social events including hiking, skiing, mountain biking, camping and rafting. (452-5680.) (5/97)

**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 Tuesday, 9 am Saturday. Dunway Park. Tamara 233-4937.) (10/96)

**Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association's** league bowling began Jan. 5, and runs through May. Everyone is welcome. (11 am and 5 pm Sunday. 20th Century Lanes, 3550 SE 92nd Ave. \$7.50 per session. Renee 231-7085, Tom 293-0428, or send an SASE to: PCBA, PO Box 851, Portland, OR 97207.) (3/97)

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