

out about town

CRISIS

The **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. (7/97)

The **Anti-Violence Line**, 796-1703, helps compile statistics on hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. Outside Portland call 1-800-796-1703. (7/97)

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)

Bradley-Angle House provides a weekly, confidential battered lesbian support group. Confidential intakes. Groups facilitated by lesbians. Child care provided; donations accepted. (Erika 232-7812.) (5/97)

Call the **Bias Crime Unit** of the Portland Police, 823-0434, if you feel you have been a victim of any type of bias crime in Portland. (10/97)

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)

The **Women's Intervention Group** is an ongoing group for lesbian and bisexual women who use physical or emotional violence to hurt and intimidate their partners. Facilitated by Julie O'Donnell, MSW, and Sharon Bowland, MSW. (5-7 pm Wednesday. \$10-\$15 per session. Phoenix Rising 223-8299.) (9/97)

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. (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. (For audition or membership information: 617-7462, PGM 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, <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5912/>.) (9/97)

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 at 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 at 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)

Over the Rainbow holds nonsmoking NA meetings on Thursdays at the Live and Let Live Club. (7-8:30 pm. 2940-A SE Belmont St. 460-9404.) (10/97)

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 psyches. 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 welcomes bisexual, bi-friendly and bi-curious women, men and couples. Socials held on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. (7:30 pm at 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 on 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. Membership dues \$15 per year.) (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)

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. Monthly potlucks. (598-3442.) (7/97)

Out Dancing teaches partner dancing for same-sex couples. Monthlong classes start at the beginning of each month. (7-8:30 pm Fridays above Choices Pub, 2845 SE Stark St. \$7 per person. 236-5129.) (7/97)

Rose City Discussion Club is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings and newsletter. (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 Wednesday on the lower level, Trinity United Methodist Church, 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 dance room features a different mix of music each week. (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 monthly potlucks. (Todd 288-4736, Mike 282-0107.) (7/97)



Lacey Jackson (left) and Mama Jackson, played by Laura Forester and Eric Jacobson, are characters featured in *The Sugar Grove County Saga*, a live weekly soap opera written by Julia Seess on stage throughout the summer at the Clinton Street Theatre

Forest Grove GLUE (Gays and Lesbians United for Enrichment) is a support group offering the community and its family and friends a safe and friendly place to meet and socialize. Movies, potlucks, discussions, picnics, bowling and more. (7:30 pm first and third Mondays. Bill 516-4583.) (11/97)

Funny Ladies Tea and Posey Society meets on the first Saturday of the month for a potluck dinner. 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 the 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)

SW Washington Gay and Lesbian Socialites gets together outside the bar scene for hikes, trips, cruises, camping, potlucks and game nights. (Mike 360-735-1901, 360-992-1032.) (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. (598-3442.) (7/97)

SPIRITUALITY

Affirmation-Portland Chapter: gay and lesbian Mormons, their families and friends meet for social, fun and support activities. (6 pm third Sunday at MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 612-0477.) (5/97)

Atheist Community Center of Oregon holds weekly meetings. (7:30 pm Tuesday. 415 SW 13th Ave. 241-9268.) (3/97)

Congregation Neveh Shalom (conservative). Monthly meetings, services and other events. (Sheri Cordova 246-8831.) (7/97)

The Downtown Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish, offers a monthly Mass for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their friends and supporters. (6 pm third Tuesday. 601 W Burnside St. Roger 223-5907, ext. 130.) (11/97)

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

East Vancouver United Methodist Church. (10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761.) (8/97)

First Congregational Church. Wheelchair accessible. (10:30 am Sunday. 1126 SW Park Ave. 228-7219.) (10/96)

First Congregational Church UCC Vancouver. Wheelchair accessible. (9-4:45 am Sunday. 1220 NE 68th St. 360-693-1476.) (9/97)

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

Food for the Soul is a monthly discussion group that explores different spiritual paths that are welcoming to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and people with HIV. (7:30-9 pm second Wednesday at First Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1816 NW Irving St. Nelly Kaufer 239-3915.) (8/97)

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)

Gay Men's Spiritual Connection Group is a nondenominational Christian fellowship group for gay and bisexual men. (Alan or Lee 230-8070.) (9/97)

The God Connection-New Thought Community Church. Liberal Christian. (10 am Sunday. 12385 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton. 643-7591.) (12/96)

Journey Catholic Community conducts a 6 pm Sunday Mass. (St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. 323-2406.) (12/96)

Lake Oswego United Church of Christ. (10:30 am Sunday. 1111 SW Country Club Road. 635-4348, <http://www.teleport.com/~repmail/lucc.html>.) (7/97)

Lesbian and Gay Meditation Group meets for meditation in the Buddhist Vipassana tradition. Donation requested. (7:30-9 pm Wednesday. 2926 NE Flanders St. Greg 727-3575.) (10/97)

Metanoia Peace Community. Methodist. (John Schwiebert 281-3697.) (3/97)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. (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. (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. (11 am Sunday. 12727 SE Market St. 254-6380.) (12/96)

Portland Faith Community. Nondenominational. (10 am meditation, 10:30 am coffee, 11 am service. 8678 NE Sumner St. 287-3518.) (4/97)

Potter's House. Evangelical and charismatic Christian. (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-creates spirituality with nature, subverts uniformity and practices the politics of play. (235-0826.) (7/97)

St. James Lutheran Church. (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. (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)

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, a Sabbatarian reformed Catholic church, offers Bible study, counseling, social activities and a newsletter. (Sabbath services Friday evening and Saturday morning. 1911 NE Shannon Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124. 693-0963.) (10/97)

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; newsletter. (PO Box 33104, Portland, OR 97233. 244-0286.) (7/97)

Shalom Ministries. Methodist. Counseling and support groups are offered for coming out, grief and reconciling religion and homosexuality. Fellowship gathering at 6:30 pm Wednesday. (760-4215.) (7/97)

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

Southminster Presbyterian Church. Wheelchair accessible; Sunday school and nursery care available. (Sunday: 9:30 and 11 am in

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