

Support groups include **COLAGE** (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) at 6 pm every second Monday. (PO Box 11694, Portland, OR 97211. 228-3892.) (11/98)

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. 646-2802. www.teleport.com/~nwga.) (12/98)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides support, education and advocacy. (7-9:30 pm fourth Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St., PO Box 8944, Portland, OR 97207. 232-7676.) (12/98)

Phoenix Rising Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization offering mental health services, based on a sliding fee scale, to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual communities. Medicare and some insurance policies cover services; HIV contracts provide free counseling to eligible persons. Support groups include a **men's coming out group** (Royce Bowlin), a **lesbian group** (Genny Binslager), a support and **empowerment group for men of color** (Theo Harper), a peer support **group for pre- and post-operative transsexuals** (Barry Blackwood), and a support **group for men over 40** (Bill Belcher, MA). Support group fees are \$15-\$12, peer group fees are by donation and therapy groups are \$15-\$20. (620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 710, Portland, OR 97204. 223-8299.) (8/98)

Portland Bisexual Alliance is an advocacy group for bisexual and bi-friendly people. Support and discussion groups are mixed-gender and meet at 7 pm on the first and third Fridays at Laughing Horse Books. Newsletter; monthly socials and potlucks. (775-9717, PBarinbow@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/PBarinbow/) (12/98)

Portland Bisexual Women is a support and discussion group for bisexual and questioning women. Women of any race, age or national origin are encouraged to attend. (7-9 pm second and fourth Fridays. 283-6433.) (12/98)

Portland Business and Professional Women's Club offers networking opportunities. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. (Call for location: 238-3877.) (6/98)

Portland Leather Men holds potlucks at members' homes on the second Saturday of each month. (PLM, 5418 N Amherst St., Portland, OR 97203.) (4/98)

Pride Northwest Inc. plans Pride Weekend and conducts the **Conversations Project**, a series of structured interactions among members of the queer community. (PO Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228. 295-9788.) (5/98)

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network helps men and women hurt by the military's ban on lesbians and gay men. Confidential counseling available. ((202) 328-FAIR, www.sldn.org.) (11/98)

Trans-Port is a support organization open to all transgendered people and their families. Monthly open meetings and private peer support meetings. (PO Box 66913, Portland, OR 97290. 774-8463.) (7/98)

Political

Basic Rights Oregon works to promote fairness and end discrimination. (PO Box 40625, Portland, OR 97240. 222-6151. basicro@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/basicro.) (10/98)

Filisa Vistima Foundation is a transsexual advocacy organization which works to obtain medical and legal assistance for transsexuals in need. (PO Box 82447, Portland, OR 97282. 735-1184.) (12/98)

Human Rights Campaign—Portland Steering Committee and Federal Club, the largest national gay and lesbian political organization, lobbies Congress, provides campaign support, and educates the public. Meets monthly to plan events. (4545 SW Northwood St. 244-6951.) (1/99)

Lesbian Avengers is a direct action group dedicated to issues of survival and visibility for lesbians, bisexual women and trans dykes. (5:00 pm Sunday at PSU Kramer Hall, SW Broadway between Mill St. and Montgomery St. Hot line 452-5408.) (10/98)

The **Lesbian Community Project** is a multi-issue, multi-racial, grassroots politics and fun organization working for social justice and liberation for lesbian, bi and trans women and dykes. (PO Box 5931, Portland, OR 97228. 282-8090.) (12/98)

Progressive Singles is a group for single people of all sexual orientations with progressive political values. (287-3140.) (4/98)

Radical Women is active in the daily struggle against racism, sexism, anti-gay bigotry and labor exploitation. Meets every second Wednesday of the month. (6:30 pm at Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, 1819 NW Everett St. 228-3090. fsp@nc.org.) (11/98)

Right to Pride Inc. advocates full civil rights, human rights and social equity for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals informing and educating policy-makers and the general public. Its **Political Action Committee** endorses and supports candidates and campaigns. (921 SW Morrison St., Suite 546, Portland, OR 97205. 228-5825, bary@rtip.org.) (10/98)

Rural Organizing Project is a network of human dignity groups advancing democracy in Oregon. Call for local contacts. (PO Box 1350, Scappoose, OR 97056. 397-5453, ROPOffice@ardvark.com.) (5/98)



Rajmohan Gandhi discusses India's path Aug. 5 at PSU

Southwest Washington Fairness Coalition works to defeat organized statewide political efforts which limit or deny the civil rights of any resident of Washington. New members welcome. (1701 Broadway, Suite 138, Vancouver, WA 98663. [360] 695-1002.) (5/98)

CRISIS

The **Alcohol and Drug HelpLine** (244-1312 in Portland) and a peer-staffed **YouthLine** (244-1611 in Portland) give free, unbiased and confidential assistance on substance abuse issues. Call 1-800-923-HELP from elsewhere in Oregon. (10/98)

The **Anti-Violence Project Reporting Line** helps compile statistics on homophobic hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. (796-1703 in Portland, 1-800-796-1703 outside Portland.) (5/98)

Clackamas Women's Services and the Portland Women's Crisis Line offer a free confidential **Battered Lesbian Support Group**. (Joyce Baxter at PWCL 232-9751, Delina Cody at CWS 654-2807.) (11/98)

Bradley-Angle House provides a weekly confidential battered lesbian and bi women's support group. Confidential intakes. Groups facilitated by queer women. Child care provided. (232-7812.) (10/98)

The **Domestic Violence Resource Center** provides domestic violence services that include a 24-hour crisis line, confidential location shelter (sorry, no boys older than 12) and restraining order referrals and assistance. The **Hispanic Outreach Program** helps women whose primary language is Spanish. (640-1171.) (10/98)

The **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Multnomah County** provides a support group for the families of people who are severely mentally ill. Meets first and third Mondays. (7-9 pm at Room HCC6, Providence Medical Center, 4805 NE Glisan St. 775-5400.) (1/99)

Portland Women's Crisis Line announces a new, confidential **support group for gay and bi men** who have been or who are being abused by their male partners. (For more information, leave a message for Craig at 232-5103.)

Call the **Portland Police Bureau** if you feel you have been a victim of any type of crime in Portland. Hate crimes are referred to the Bias Crime Unit after a police report is filed in the regular way. (Call 9-1-1 for emergencies, 230-2121 for non-emergency reports.) (10/98)

Portland Women's Crisis Line operates 24 hours a day. Interpretation services are available for women who speak limited or no English. (235-5333, 1-888-235-5333.) (10/98)

Women's Abuse Intervention is a therapy group, facilitated by Julie O'Donnell, MSW, and Sharon Bowland, LCSW, for lesbian and bisexual women who have been abusive toward their girlfriends or partners. Focus is on stopping abuse and developing healthy, loving relationships. (\$15-\$20. Julie 972-7786.) (12/98)

The **YWCA of Clark County** (Vancouver, Wash.) offers free and confidential individual counseling for women abused by their partners. (Lyn Coffman [360] 696-0167, 1-800-695-0167.) (8/98)

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.) (5/98)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus meets most Monday evenings. Singing membership is open to all qualified singers, but non-singing members are also needed to help with production. (Audition or membership information 617-7462, PGMC 460-3689.) (5/98)

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, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5912.) (8/98)

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? 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.) (5/98)

satori is a group of men singing and creating community through music. (7 pm Wednesday. 721-0262.) (2/98)

RECOVERY

Any Lengths, an AA meeting for gay men, meets every Sunday. (10 am. Sixth Floor, Good Samaritan Hospital, 1040 NW 22nd Ave.) (8/98)

Lesbian Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday in the Northeast Room of the Alano Club. (7-8:15 pm. 909 NW 24th Ave. 222-5756.) (10/98)

Live and Let Live Club holds 12 step meetings and social activities for the lesbian and gay recovery community. Call for current meeting times and activities. (2940-A SE Belmont St. 238-6091.) (1/99)

Men's 449 Group is a gay men's group for Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets every Friday in the Northeast Room of the Alano Club. (7:30-8:45 pm. 909 NW 24th Ave. 222-5756.) (10/98)

Rainbow Al-Anon meets on Saturdays at the Alano Club Boardroom. (5:30-6:45 pm. 909 NW 24th Ave. 222-5756.) (10/98)

Rational Recovery does not mystify addiction and recovery; its approach to chemical dependency is as a technical problem with a technical solution. (Cliff Walker 239-5359.) (10/98)

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.) (10/98)

Jody (Jay Horenstein) and Bertha (Ralph Steadman) make their way in Greater Tuna as best they can through Aug. 22

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invites women in Beavercreek, Redland, Molino, Estacada and surrounding areas to attend monthly potlucks to socialize, plan work parties and develop a sense of community. (632-8543.) (5/98)

Forest Grove GLUE (Gays and Lesbians United for Enrichment) is a support group offering the community, its family and friends a safe, friendly place to meet and socialize. Movies, potlucks, discussions, etc. (7:30 pm first and third Mondays. Bill or Charla 516-4583.) (11/98)

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. (232-9714.) (8/98)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social group for heavyset men and the men who love them that way. Party third Saturday of each month and Chum's Night Out monthly. (PO Box 1844, Portland, OR 97202. 241-9714, chubstuff@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~chubstuff.) (9/98)

Girlfriends (formerly Southwest Washington Lesbian Potluck Group) meets on the third Saturday of every month for a potluck dinner and social evening. All lesbians welcome. (Tina [360] 891-8015, Sudi [360] 694-4397.) (12/98)

K-9 Club is a group of kindred folks and their dogs who meet to hike and talk in Portland parks on the second Sunday of each month. (285-2986.) (1/99)

Lesbian support group for women 50 and over meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 281-4424, 331-0415.) (11/98)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences is a field trip-oriented group for lesbians who enjoy the natural sciences, e.g., geology, botany, birdwatching and astronomy. (11 am-1 pm first Sunday potluck and planning meeting. 280-0168.) (12/98)

Love Makes a Family—Southwest Washington Chapter is a social group for gay and lesbian families and their allies. (Tina [360] 891-8015, Gina [360] 253-5438.) (5/98)

Men Nurturing Men is an experiential gathering providing an opportunity to meet other gay, bi and questioning men in a playful, safe, sacred environment. Strive to understand intimacy and sexuality from a more spiritual perspective in monthly meetings. (292-7768.) (11/98)

Metro Club is a social group for gay men 40 and over

Out Dancing teaches partner dancing for same-sex couples. Classes start at the beginning of each month. (236-5129.) (5/98)

The Real Connection is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians and creative in all the disciplines. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd 288-4736.) (11/98)

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. rcdc@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~rcdc.) (12/98)

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, www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.) (5/98)

Single Parents by Choice, a group for men and women, meets on the third Monday of every month for a potluck social. Child-friendly space. (4-6 pm at Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St. Karen 240-8762, David 284-4153.) (2/98)

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, Socialites@aol.com.) (11/98)

SPIRITUALITY

Affirmation Portland welcomes gay, lesbian and bisexual Mormons for monthly socials, discussions and fun. (7 pm last Sunday of the month at MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 774-1362.) (5/98)

The Anawim Community. Gay men meet weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 281-0722.) (5/98)

Community of St. Andrew serves its diverse congregation with Catholic Mass in English at 9:30 am and in Spanish at noon every Sunday. (806 NE Alberta St. 281-4429.) (8/98)

Dignity—Portland, an organization of lesbian, gay and bisexual Catholics, their families, friends and lovers, holds weekly Mass. (7:30 pm Saturday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228. 295-4868.) (7/98)

Directions NW (ECWR) is a fellowship group for gay and lesbian Christians dedicated to helping others integrate their faith and sexuality. Bible study and support meetings. (PO Box 86383, Portland, OR 97286-0383. 727-3387.) (7/98)

Diversity as Gift provides spiritual classes and counseling focusing on the "inherent connectedness" of all people. (241-0073.) (2/98)

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)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist. (10:30 am Sunday, 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 665-2628, eastrose@teleport.com.) (8/98)

East Vancouver United Methodist Church. Reconciling. (10 am Sunday, 5701 MacArthur Blvd. [360] 693-4761.) (3/98)

First Congregational Church UCC Vancouver. Open and affirming. Wheelchair accessible. (9:45 am Sunday, 1220 NE 68th St. [360] 693-1476.) (3/98)

First Unitarian Church of Portland. (1011 SW 12th Ave. 228-6389, Bill 236-2830.) (11/98)

Food for the Soul is a monthly discussion group that explores 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. Temple priestesses and drop-in women visitors welcome. (10 am-10 pm Tuesday-Sunday, 3125 E Burnside St. 238-0675.) (2/98)

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

The God Connection New Thought Community Church. Judeo-Christian spirituality. (10 am Sunday at the Regency Heights Clubhouse, Sexton Mt. Drive, Beaverton. 643-7591.) (11/98)

In Search Of meets every other Thursday to pursue questions about spirituality, metaphysics, aliens, conspiracies, and prophecies. (7:30 pm. John 239-6820.) (3/98)

Journey Catholic Community conducts a 6 pm Sunday Mass. (St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1432 SW 13th Ave. 323-2406.) (2/98)

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. United Methodist. (John Schwiebert 281-3697.) (2/98)

SOCIAL

BLASTT, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Straights Talking Together, is a discussion group for all women. Meets on Wednesday evenings. (K'Ronda 282-8586.) (8/98)

Clackamas County Women's Potluck and Social is an event for those looking to meet new friends, eat dinner and share a little. All women welcome. First Friday of every month. (794-8312.) (10/98)

Country Women, a four-year-old women's co-op,

and those who appreciate them. Monthly potlucks. (231-4130.) (11/98)

Neighborhood MenTalks brings gay and bisexual men together to socialize and discuss topics of mutual interest. Monthly gatherings are facilitated and hosted by volunteers. (Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145, feschge-off@aol.com.) (5/98)

Oregon Bears is a social group for bears and their admirers. Newsletter, activities and monthly social gatherings. (240-2813, www.oregonbears.org.) (12/98)