

Washington: Community

ComOut will train volunteers to take part in promoting tolerance and other aspects of community outreach in the SW Washington area. (Call Lyn Zephyr at (360) 906-9142.) (5/00)

Clark Co. YWCA offers individual peer counseling and advocacy for sexual minority women who are survivors of domestic abuse. Drop-in support group begins in March. (sexual minority advocate, (360) 906-9142.) (3/3/00)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support, education and advocacy. (7 pm first Tuesday at First Congregational Church, lower level conference room, 1220 NE 68th Street, Vancouver, Wash. (360) 695-2200.) (5/00)

Willamette Valley: Community

5015 COYOTE is an association for sex workers in Eugene. (PO Box 12244, Eugene, OR 97401.) (4/00)

AFTER 8 works for political change and provides information and referral for lesbians, gay men, trans and bisexuals in Benton and Linn counties and sponsors an annual Harvey Milk Awards Dinner in November. (7 pm second Tuesday, 101 NW 23rd St., Corvallis, PO Box 1828, Corvallis, OR 97339. (541) 752-8157.) (5/00)

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Willamette Empire meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the 300 Club, 300 Liberty St. SE in Salem. Bob (503) 371-8395, e-mail bobphil@uswest.net or Imperial Princess IX, Lydia Octavia (503) 463-8585. (5/00)

Lesbian and Gay Parenting Group, for parents of children ages 0-3 years, meets the second Saturday of each month in Eugene. (Aquene: (541) 344-5847.) (5/00)

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support, education and advocacy. (6:45 pm third Monday at First Congregational Church on E 23rd Ave., Eugene. (541) 346-4239.) (5/00)

Family Center Outreach Office, a program of Volunteers of America located in Southeast Portland, offers support groups and drop-in services to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. (Natalie (503) 771-5503.) (4/00)

Portland Women's Crisis Line operates 24 hours a day. Interpretation services are available for women who speak limited or no English. (503) 235-5333, 1-888-235-5333.) (4/00)

Roots and Branches and Bradley Angle House sponsor a **support group for queer youth** who have experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse in an intimate relationship. Free, confidential and safe. (503) 238-0780.) (4/00)

Metro: Mental Health

Helios Counseling offers mental health services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans communities. (525 NE Oregon St., Suite 220, Portland, OR 97232. (503) 238-0780.) (5/00)

Metro: Recovery

Any Lengths Gay AA is a group for gay men that meets to discuss their sobriety Sundays at 10 am at Good Samaritan Hospital. (1040 NW 22nd Ave., 6th floor, meeting room B.) (5/00)

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. (503) 238-6091.) (4/00)

The Lunch Bunch hosts AA meetings for gays and lesbians, but is open to everyone. Meetings daily at noon except Sundays at 1 pm. (Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway, enter on the north side of the building.) (5/00)

Rainbow Al-Anon meets Thursdays at 6 pm at the MCC Church, NW 24th Ave. and Broadway. (503) 222-5756. (5/00)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503) 460-3689. www.pdxgmc.org.) (4/00)

The Real Connection is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers, musicians or who pursue some creative activity. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd (503) 236-5763.) (4/00)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbian, gay, transgendered, bi and supportive musicians and friends. (PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. (503) 790-2170. http://community.oregonlive.com/cc/rcgfb.) (4/00)

Metro: General

Bisexual Community Forum is an age- and gender-inclusive social, support and education network founded in 1980. Activities include dances, potlucks, field trips and a polyamory interest group. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. (7:30 pm at Utopia Cafe, 3320 SE Belmont St. Laury (503) 285-4848.) (4/00)

Brother to Brother is a family of African-American gay and bisexual men dedicated to the empowerment of, and improvement in the quality of life within our community. Activities include FRIENDS, a weekly support and discussion group that meets Wednesdays 5-7 pm. Board meetings every third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. (Brian, PO Box 3182, Portland, OR 97208. (503) 417-7991.) (4/00)

Cocksure is a social group for female-born, gender variant people including FTMs, transgays, genderqueers and significant others. We are based in Portland and welcome folks from Oregon and Washington. For more info about our monthly meetings and e-mail network, call (503) 471-1515. (5/00)

Dipstick Lesbians and Dykes with Hot Rods invite women with cool cars to go cruisin' with them. (Rachel (503) 735-1184, Devioune (503) 289-3104.) (4/00)

First Wednesday Social is a potluck for HIV+ people and their friends. (Phillip (503) 234-1811.) (5/00)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a group dedicated to providing an accepting, social environment for chubby men, and the men who like them that way. (503) 241-4535 or www.chubnet.net/gentlegiants.) (5/00)

Hoodland/Mount Hood womyn are building a personal and professional community. Alcohol and drug-free social activities and networking. (Kim (503) 701-8302.) (4/00)

Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon is a nonprofit social organization dedicated to raising money for charities within the gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans community. ISRC Event Hotline lists upcoming events. (503) 306-0700, ISRC@aol.com, www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7887.) (4/00)

An informal **Leather Night** and **Red Hanky Social** are held the first and third Friday of each month. (9 pm-12 am at the Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW Third Ave. (503) 224-8446, PDXSaltyDg@aol.com.) (5/00)

Jewish Gay Men's Group—call for meeting time and place. (503) 246-5939, efrainlevi@aol.com.) (5/00)

Lair Dungeon hosts monthly discussion groups and separate men's, women's and pansexual B/D/S/M parties. Refer to web site for schedule. (www.hawkenet.com/lairofthe/wolf.html.) (5/00)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy exploring all aspects of the environment. Activities include bird watching, nature walks, archaeology, rock collecting, camping, kayaking, star gazing, an occasional "lecture" and a monthly planning potluck. No experience necessary. (6:45-8:30 pm second Thursday planning meeting. (503) 639-8936 or (503) 466-0058 or e-mail to lesprnw@aol.com.) (5/00)

Lesbian social group for women 50 and over meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. (503) 281-4424, (503) 331-0415.) (4/00)

Long Yang Club—Portland Chapter, a social group for Asian gays and lesbians and their friends, meets at 8 pm on the first Wednesday and third Sunday of each month at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (503) 963-1841.) (5/00)

Lulu's Pervy Playhouse is a social group for self-identifying women who are into SM. Play parties are held on the second Saturday of the month. (lululist@hotmail.com, www.jps.net/wynter/luluspage.html, (503) 231-3992.) (05/00)

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. (503) 646-2802. www.teleport.com/~nwga.) (4/00)

Oregon Bears is a social group for bears and their admirers. Newsletter, activities and monthly social gatherings. (503) 240-2813, www.oregonbears.org.) (4/00)

ORGAN (Oregon Regional Gay and Naked) is a social club for nude men who enjoy being gay. Monthly potlucks and events. Guests are invited to attend two events before deciding on membership. (ORGAN, PO Box 14174, Portland, OR 97293-0174.) (4/00)

Portland Bisexual Alliance hosts social and political events for bisexual and bi-friendly people. Organizes Portland Bi Day rally and publishes calendar of bi events. Mixed gender discussion groups are held 7 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at Laughing

Community Crossword

By Q Syndicate

"Kate"

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ACROSS

- 1 Group that George Michael sang with
- 5 Smooched, with "out"
- 9 One-time lover of Marlene
- 14 Hearty partner
- 15 "___ Rhythm"
- 16 Some used cars
- 17 Swell buns here
- 18 Doctor Zhivago heroine
- 19 Head of costume designing
- 20 Book by Kate
- 23 Borscht veggie
- 24 Gay composer Rorem
- 25 The way you know they're family
- 29 Bottom of a boat
- 31 "___ About You"
- 34 Mohr's ___: Outing and Other Controversies
- 35 Charlotte Bronte's Jane
- 36 Lacking lube
- 37 Kate, of the title
- 39 Gloria, who defended Kate's coming out at a press conference
- 41 Have the blahs
- 42 "___ Mistake" (Men at Work song)
- 44 Dustin's *Midnight Cowboy* character
- 45 Valuable Scrabble tile
- 46 Jess Draper's "One ___ More"
- 47 Try to seduce, with "to"
- 48 Oolong, e.g.

- 49 "My stars!"
- 51 Rita Mae's group, which encouraged Kate to come out
- 58 *The Cat in the Hat* author
- 59 "Zip-" follower
- 60 Where bottoms say tops lay
- 61 Four twosomes or two foursomes
- 62 Patricia of *Hud*
- 63 Charles in *The Thin Man*
- 64 Robert Mapplethorpe work
- 65 Martial ___ (Gay Games V event)
- 66 R.E.M.'s "The ___ Love"

DOWN

- 1 "___ been sleeping in my bed?"
- 2 *She's Gotta ___ It*
- 3 Comfort of *The Joy of Sex*
- 4 List of oral pleasures
- 5 *Patience and Sarah* author Isabel
- 6 Open-mouthed
- 7 Friend of ___
- 8 List shortener
- 9 An old witch tried to eat her
- 10 Attempted multiple orgasms, with "it"
- 11 Larger-than-life
- 12 Results of alternative insemination

- 13 Butt that's no longer hot
- 21 Humiliate
- 22 Small opening on a beach
- 25 The Spencer Davis Group's "___ Some Lovin'"
- 26 Baja bye-bye
- 27 Shri!l cries
- 28 Hill's partner
- 30 Bear up there
- 31 Three-card ___
- 32 Response to a denial
- 33 One hell of a character
- 35 Female "tail"
- 36 King's land in a Broadway musical
- 38 Atlas or Cronus
- 40 Eat away at
- 43 One who comes too quickly
- 46 Takes care of
- 47 Humped four-footers
- 48 Where to see *Will & Grace*
- 50 Alexander's title, with "the"
- 51 Name for a big Pole
- 52 Beginning of eroticism
- 53 *The X-Files* agent Scully
- 54 Homosexuality to Jesse Helms
- 55 One of the As in AA
- 56 Object of AIDS research
- 57 Morales of "La Bamba"
- 58 Apply bread to gravy

ANSWERS ON PAGE 50



Irene Farrera and her band return to Ashland for a Cinco de Mayo Dance at the Unitarian Fellowship on May 5!

Men's Support Group, sponsored by Sweet Spirit Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), meets every Thursday at 7 pm to share concerns, discuss gay issues, and support the MCC community. Open to the public. (David: (503) 363-4828, Joseph: (503) 363-3392.) (5/00)

Willamette Valley: Health

Womenspace provides a 24-hour hot line and shelter for women and children who have been abused physically, sexually, or emotionally. Also hosts a lesbian and bisexual women's support group. (Crisis: (541) 485-6513, business: (541) 485-8232, lesbian alliance: (541) 302-2417.) (4/00)

SOCIAL

Metro: Arts & Music

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The **Portland Lesbian Choir** welcomes supportive members and volunteers. (503) 241-8994.) (5/00)

HEALTH

Metro: Anti-violence

Bradley-Angle House provides emergency shelter for female-identified domestic violence survivors and a support group for women battered by women. (503) 232-7805, (503) 289-6869 ext. 11.) (4/00)

Cleckamas Women's Services offer shelter, support and resource referral services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. (Office: (503) 722-2366, crisis line: (503) 654-2288.) (4/00)

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