

Portland Gay Men's Chorus is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503-460-3689. www.pdggmc.org) (11/00)

The Real Connection is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers or musicians or who pursue some creative activity. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (Todd 503-236-5763.) (11/00)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbian, gay, bi, trans and supportive musicians and friends. (PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207. 503-790-2170. community.oregonlive.com/cc/rcgfb.) (11/00)

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 first and third Mondays. (7:30 pm at *Mojo's Coffee Den*, 2853 SE Stark St. Lairy 503-285-4848.) (11/00)

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. Board meetings every third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. (Brian, PO Box 3182, Portland, OR 97208. 503-417-7991.) (11/00)

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. (11/00)

Dipstick Lesbians and Dykes with Hot Rods invite women with cool cars to go cruisin' with them. (503-284-5546.) (11/00)

FRIENDS is a weekly support and discussion group for African American gay and bisexual men that meets Wednesdays 5 to 7 pm. (Brian, 503-287-8651.) (11/00)

Funny Ladies Tea and Posy Society is a social group for lesbians 35 and older, singles or couples. They meet for a potluck on the third Saturday of each month and take camping trips during the summer. Monthly newsletter is \$9 a year. (503-232-9714.) (11/00)

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.) (11/00)

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.) (11/00)

Jewish Gay Men's Group—call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939. efraimlevi@aol.com.) (11/00)

An informal **Leather Night** and **Red Hanky Social** are held the first and third Friday of each month. (9 pm-midnight at the *Dirty Duck Tavern*, 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446. PDXSaltyDg@aol.com.) (11/00)

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. 503-289-3605 or 503-466-0058 or e-mail to lesprnw@aol.com.) (11/00)

Lesbian social group for women 50 and older meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360, 503-331-0415.) (11/00)

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.) (11/00)

Lulu's Perry 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.spiretech.com/~awntie/lulu.htm. 503-231-3992.) (11/00)

Mount Hood Womyn network professionally and socially. (503-701-8302.) (11/00)

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.) (11/00)

Oregon Bears is a social group for bears and their admirers. Newsletter, activities and monthly social gatherings. (503-240-2813. www.oregonbears.org.) (11/00)

ORGAN (Oregon Regional Gay and Naked) is a social club for gay men who enjoy being nude. Monthly potlucks and events. Guests are invited to attend two events before deciding on membership. (ORGAN, PO Box 14174, Portland, OR 97293-0174.) (11/00)

Portland Bisexual Alliance plays host to social and political events for bisexual and bi-friendly people, organizes Portland Bi Day rally and publishes calendar of events. Mixed-gender discussion groups are held 7 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at Laughing Horse Books, 3652 SE Division St. (503-775-9717. pba@biportland.org, www.biportland.org.) (11/00)

Portland Leather Alliance is a pansexual, not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering a positive community for safe, sane and consensual alternative adult sexualities in general and S/M/leather/fetish in particular. (503-727-3148. www.pdxleatheralliance.org.) (11/00)

Portland **Metro Prime Timers** is a social group for men. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 503-244-7550 or 360-254-1718. pdxprimertimers@yahoo.com.) (11/00)

PSU Queers and Allies offer educational and social programming and support and referral services for people of all orientations and colors. Everyone is invited to participate in activities and meetings. (441A Smith Memorial Center, Portland State University campus. E-mail: queersandallies@mail.pdx.edu. www.ess.pdx.edu/sfscg/queersandallies. 503-725-5681.) (11/00)

Rose City Discussion Club, the largest open pansexual club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, workshops and newsletter. (503-972-1869. rcdc@teleport.com, www.teleport.com/~rcdc.) (11/00)

Together Works, a confidential group for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and friends, meets for socials and discussions of topics of mutual interest. Meets second and fourth Mondays. (7:30 pm May-September, 7 pm October-April. First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowles St., McMinnville. Don 503-434-6266.) (11/00)

Metro: Physical Recreation

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. (503-452-5680. www.adventure-group.org.) (11/00)

Border Riders Motorcycle Club, the largest motorcycle club for gay men and friends in Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest, plays host to day runs and camping events. (bcbiker@yahoo.com, www.borderriders.org.) (11/00)

CLIPS-Cycling Lesbians in Portland meets twice monthly for bicycle rides. All riding levels welcome. (503-254-6971.) (11/00)

FOREST Group outings are cooperative adventures for women. Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and choosing outings appropriate for their skill and fitness level. All skill levels welcome. (503-286-5382. www.odin.cc.pdx.edu/~gjm.) (11/00)

Gal Pals is a new group for single lesbians. (For information visit www.geocities.com/RodeoDrive/B0006204454/3346/GAL-PAL.html.) (11/00)

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. (503-285-2986.) (11/00)

Lesbian Equestrian Group Do you have a horse? Looking to get together with womyn and horses for equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest? (Denise 503-654-3865. Lynn 503-777-2339, e-mail kelrav@rdrop.com.) (11/00)

Lesbian Garden Club is a group of women who love gardens and gardening. They exchange plants, seeds, advice and encouragement while having a good time. Please call or e-mail for a current copy of the newsletter and information about upcoming events. (Kathe 503-909-2002. e-mail LGCOregon@aol.com.) (11/00)

Out Dancing teaches partner dancing for same-sex couples at Sally Mack's School of Dance. Classes for different dance styles start the first Friday of each month. (503-236-5129.) (11/00)

Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association meets Sundays at 4 pm at Hollywood Lanes, 40th Avenue and Halsey Street. (PO Box 80002, Portland, OR 97280-1002. 503-293-0438. BOWLpdx@aol.com, members.aol.com/BOWLpdx/pcbba.html.) (11/00)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream, plus and advanced levels. (PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228-5352. 503-234-9944. www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.) (11/00)

Team Portland Tennis Association plays every Sunday 8 am-noon at the University of Portland. Women and men players of all skill levels are welcome. (Alex Godinez 503-282-7210.) (11/00)

Team Quest, the athletic and exercise program of Project Quest, offers individual, group, indoor and outdoor physical recreation opportunities for people living with HIV and AIDS. (503-493-0288.) (11/00)

Southern Oregon: Social

Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center plays host to social events and groups. Call for schedule. (Mailing address: PO Box 927 Ashland, OR 97520. Location: 281 Fourth St., Ashland, OR 97520. 541-488-6990. lambdacntr@aol.com, www.aelcca.org.) (11/00)



Doggy style

What to do when Fido fetches fellating fellows

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

On a recent trip to Provincetown, I ran—literally—into a delicate sexual etiquette problem.

While walking my dog Hoover off-leash in the evening on the beach at a cruisy area known as the "dick dock" (I'm a lesbian and wasn't in search of dick), she ran off and starting licking and jumping on two men engaged in a sexual act. I stood about 10 yards away, unsure what to do.

I felt too embarrassed to call Hoover, so I just stood in the shadows and waited until they were done. This took about 15 minutes, which I thought was a long time, but I guess a leaping dog is a bit of a distraction.

I'm a sex-positive lesbian with no judgment about public sex, but I also don't feel it deserves any particular reverence on my part. Silently waiting until those men were finished made me feel disempowered, so I don't want to do that again.

I don't intend to stop walking my dog at the beautiful moonlit beach, and I don't want to put her on a leash because she rarely gets to run free, so I need to know what to do in the future. How polite should I be when she encounters or interrupts men having sex?

Should I call my dog loudly and hope she feels like obeying? Or should I walk unabashedly up to the fellating men, say "excuse me" and retrieve her?

—K.

DEAR K.:

The beach is a public place, and you don't seem like a dyke who'd go blind at the sight of a penis, so feel free to walk right up to your leaping dog and the men who happen to be the object of her attention. Conversation probably isn't necessary, and you seem polite enough not to demand others speak to you with their mouths full.

You also might consider a simple, less interactive approach: Just stay where you are and yell, "Hoover, come!" Of course, yelling a demand to come while people are having sex can go either way.

It either could help bring the act to completion, or it could wilt their attention. Either way, you probably would get your dog back quickly.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I am a 37-year-old police officer, and I'm in better shape than I was 10 years ago. I have a great sense of humor, and I'm a very positive, outgoing person—difficult features to maintain in my profession.

The problem is I get hit on—more than the guys I work with—by straight women, and I just wish

some were gay women. I always seem to attract married women looking to experiment.

I am attracted to femme women, and the married ones are very forward. But I don't go there, because I've been there and done that already.

I haven't been in a serious relationship for almost seven years, primarily by choice. I've been focusing on my future with school, and with

working full time and being in the Reserve, that doesn't leave much time for a social schedule.

Making myself available in the "scene" is the obvious answer. So are ads, but I've pretty much outgrown just looking for sex.

Anyway, I'm extremely proud of who I've become and honest with whomever I'm with, so I'm not pushing fate. I just want someone else to talk to once in a while besides my two Chihuahuas.

P.S. When are you going to write another book?

—L., the Lonely Cop

DEAR L., THE LONELY COP:

Ms. Behavior notices you haven't exactly asked a question, but you need advice anyway: Get over yourself and your busy schedule and get yourself a girlfriend.

Your letter is practically a personal ad. Just pare it down, pay a few bucks and run it in a local queer newspaper.

It's true that uniformed dykes run the risk of attracting straight women, probably because of sexual fantasy and a certain butch confidence, not to mention lack of the "Is she or isn't she?" doubt that might surround less obvious prospects, like lesbians in the helping professions who wear loose, linen skirts, big earrings and girlie shoes.

But you also need to accept some responsibility yourself. Like, if you hadn't been feeling ambivalent about love, wouldn't you have attracted some actual lesbians by now, too?

Ms. Behavior doesn't doubt you'd like to have a girlfriend. But in a deeper, maybe unconscious way, you might be scared.

Before you get defensive, think about some of the obstacles to love, like fear of getting literally or metaphorically naked or of getting hurt. You sound lovely, and it would be nice for you to share your life with someone other than your dogs.

P.S. Ms. Behavior is working on another book, possibly two. Don't pressure her or she'll implode.

Write your confused and conflicted heart out to Ms. BEHAVIOR at MsBehavior@aol.com.



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Join the Rosetown Ramblers for their skating party Aug. 28 at Oaks Park