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regardless of sexual orientation or musical background, to join Wednesday rehearsals. No audition necessary. (503-299-4454. [www.satorichorus.org](http://www.satorichorus.org).)

### General

**Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays** is a nonprofit community voice for gay, lesbian and bi Asian and Pacific Islanders. Activities include potlucks, recreational outings and cultural events. Friendly environment to meet and connect with other API. (PO Box 12661, Portland, OR 97232. [aplj\\_pdx@yahoo.com](mailto:aplj_pdx@yahoo.com).)

**Bad Girls** is a social and educational leather and B/D/S/M club for self-identified women with an emphasis on safety and education. Workshops, discussions, events and parties. Women of all orientations can connect and ask questions during the Kinky Women's Welcoming Munch at 7 pm every second Tuesday. (503-972-2233. [www.pdxbadgirls.net](http://www.pdxbadgirls.net).)

**Border Riders Motorcycle Club** provides social opportunities for gay men interested in recreational motorcycle touring and promotes education on safe and legal machinery. (503-281-4488. [brmcprez@yahoo.com](mailto:brmcprez@yahoo.com).)

**Cascade Flyers** are gay, lesbian and bi aviators, both private and professional, in Washington, Oregon and southern British Columbia. Dinner meetings in Portland area. (503-701-7922. [casflyers@yahoo.com](mailto:casflyers@yahoo.com). [www.geocities.com/casflyers](http://www.geocities.com/casflyers).)

**A Common Bond** is a social support network for former or questioning Jehovah's Witnesses who are queer. ([icbportland@webtv.net](mailto:icbportland@webtv.net).)

**Cosure** is a social group for people who were assigned a female sex at birth but identify otherwise (female-to-male, genderqueer, drag king, etc.). First Sunday meetings are open to partners and families of any configuration. (503-471-1515. [groups.yahoo.com/group/cosure](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cosure).)

**Dungeon Men PDX** hosts a men's S/M party every other month in a Portland dungeon. Masters and novices always welcome. (503-281-2076. [bighnboy@aracnet.com](mailto:bighnboy@aracnet.com).)

**F.A.G. PDX (Femme Affinity Group Portland)**, a radical activist and social group open to self-identified femmes of all genders, seeks to create solidarity among femmes, promote femme visibility and combat femmophobia in the community at large. ([www.notsorry.org/fagpdx](http://www.notsorry.org/fagpdx).)

**50+ lesbian social group** for women meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360 or 503-286-3575.)

**FTM Pacific NW OR & WA** is a social and discussion group for female-to-male trans men. ([groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM\\_PacificNW](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM_PacificNW).)

**Funny Ladies**, a social group for nice lesbians 35 and older as well as their friends and loved ones, holds potlucks on the second Saturday of each month. ([flataps@yahoo.com](mailto:flataps@yahoo.com).)

**Gay Men's Garden Club** meets at a different garden every month to enjoy the diversity of plant materials that Portland offers the avid gardener. Meet others, share ideas, trade plants, show off your garden, and have some fun outdoors! (11 am-1 pm first Sunday. 503-347-5477. [rogermossler@comcast.net](mailto:rogermossler@comcast.net).)

**Genealogy group** forming. Gather with other lesbian researchers to trace your family tree and tackle "brickwall" female ancestors. ([famhistnw@aol.com](mailto:famhistnw@aol.com).)

**Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon** is the oldest gay, lesbian, bi and trans social/fund-raising organization in the state of Oregon. Meetings are the first two Mondays of each month. ([www.rosecourt.org](http://www.rosecourt.org).)

**Jewish Gay Men's Group**—please call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939. [efraimlevi@aol.com](mailto:efraimlevi@aol.com).)

**Keshet** is a social connection group for queer Jews and their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends, whether Jewish or not. It meets monthly for potluck dinners and special events. (David 503-226-7079, ext. 14, or Mike 503-331-1111.)

**Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science (LENS)** is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy exploring all aspects of the environment. Activities include bird watching, nature walks, archaeology, camping, kayaking, star gazing and an occasional "lecture." No experience necessary. (Vicki 971-998-6040. [lensnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lensnews@yahoo.com).)

**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. Call for a copy of the newsletter and information about upcoming events. (Linda 503-909-2002.)

**Lesbians with Degrees** is a social group for intellectual women and those who want to meet them. (Lani 503-233-3557. [Join\\_listserv\\_at\\_LesbianswDegrees\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Join_listserv_at_LesbianswDegrees_subscribe@yahoo.com).)

**Lulu's Pervy Playhouse** is a social group for self-identifying women who are into S/M. Play parties are held on the second Saturday of the month. (503-231-3992. [dykedadi@comcast.net](mailto:dykedadi@comcast.net). [www.luluspervyplayhouse.org](http://www.luluspervyplayhouse.org).)

**Men Over 40** is a small, socially supportive group that meets second and fourth Thursdays. (503-777-1376.)

**Monomorous bi group** forming for women in their 40s who are single and professionally employed. ([monogirls06@yahoo.com](mailto:monogirls06@yahoo.com).)

**Night in Black Leather and The Leather Duck Club** are the first and third Friday of each month at Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern. (9 pm-midnight. 439 NW Third Ave. 503-224-8446. [orleatherfrat@yahoo.com](mailto:orleatherfrat@yahoo.com).)

**Oregon Men Enjoying Naturism** is a social organization for gay male naturists/hudists. Social gathering second Saturday of every month. ([omenpdx@omenpdx.org](mailto:omenpdx@omenpdx.org). [www.omenpdx.org](http://www.omenpdx.org).)

**PDX\_FTM** is a social group for female-to-male trans men and their significant others, friends, families and allies. ([groups.yahoo.com/group/PDX\\_FTM](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PDX_FTM).)

**PDX Lesbo Nerds** invite interesting, intelligent women 35 and older to socialize while playing board games like Scrabble and Spades. ([games.groups.yahoo.com/group/PdxLesboNerds](http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/PdxLesboNerds).)

**The gay Pinochle Group** meets Sundays at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. New players always welcome. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

**Poder Latino** is a nonprofit social community voice group for gay, lesbian, bi and trans people that reaches out to Latinos and Latinas by organizing events and retreats and advocating HIV prevention. Meets every other Monday at Outside In. (6:30 pm. 1030 SW 13th Ave. Hugo 503-997-8615 or Audencia 503-261-5463.)

**Portland Leather Alliance** is one of the largest pansexual, nonprofit B/D/S/M, leather and fetish lifestyle organizations in the Northwest. Regular social and educational opportunities, including KinkFest, Leather Ball and Fall Vendors Fair. ([www.pdxleatheralliance.org](http://www.pdxleatheralliance.org).)

**Portland Leather Men** meet every second Saturday for potluck and socializing. Meet men to a leather lifestyle and keep abreast of leather happenings. No dues, no formal organization, no officers or board, just leather socialization for the past 21 years. (360-896-6665. [pjm@direcway.com](mailto:pjm@direcway.com).)

**Portland Lesbian Book Club** gathers monthly to chat about a chosen book or to attend selected events. (6:30 pm third Tuesday. [groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub).)

**Portland Metro Prime Timers** is a social group for mature gay men and those who appreciate them, coming together for social, educational and cultural purposes. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 503-286-4613 or 360-693-5506. [pdxprimetimers@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxprimetimers@yahoo.com). [www.geocities.com/pdxprimetimers](http://www.geocities.com/pdxprimetimers).)

**Rainriders Motorcycle Club** meets weekly at the Roxy. Ride your bike or just come meet the group. Everyone welcome. (10 am Sunday. 1121 SW Stark St. [www.pdx-rmc.com](http://www.pdx-rmc.com).)

**Rose City Discussion Club**, the largest open pansexual/alternative sexuality 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](mailto:rcdc@teleport.com). [www.rcdc.org](http://www.rcdc.org).)

**Soyboys Vegetarian Men's Group** is a fun, social gathering for gay and bi men who are interested in a healthy vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. A variety of activities and monthly potlucks on the last Saturday. ([iveggieguy@aol.com](mailto:iveggieguy@aol.com).)

Women of the Rivers, the Portland/Vancouver chapter of the **Women on Wheels Motorcycle Club**, meets monthly at Elmer's, sponsors riding clinics and takes day trips. (7:15 pm second Thursday. 9848 N Whitaker Road. [www.hevanet.com/chama/wow](http://www.hevanet.com/chama/wow).)

### Physical Recreation

**Adventure Group** organizes a variety of activities year round, including hiking, walking, cross-country and downhill skiing, rafting and mountain biking. (PO Box 2201, Portland, OR 97208-2201. [www.adventuregroup.org](http://www.adventuregroup.org).)

**Amazon Dragons Paddling Club** invites women 16 and older to join Portland's only out lesbian dragon boat team. Be part of the fun and fitness with this dynamic group. ([www.amazondragons.org](http://www.amazondragons.org).)

**The 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. (503-772-1860. [innoregon@comcast.net](mailto:innoregon@comcast.net). [www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx](http://www.geocities.com/ncc1127/forestpdx).)

**Gay Women's Golf Group** welcomes all levels of players. ([www.turfgirlz.com](http://www.turfgirlz.com).)

**Lesbian Equestrian Group** gets together for equestrian activities in the Pacific Northwest. (Denise 503-654-3865. Lynn 503-777-2339. [kelrav@rdrop.com](mailto:kelrav@rdrop.com).)

**National Gay Basketball League** practices at Chief Joseph Elementary School in preparation to represent Oregon in the 2006 Gay Games. (7:15-9:30 pm Monday. 2409 N Saratoga St. [edmundgaines@msn.com](mailto:edmundgaines@msn.com). [www.ngba.us](http://www.ngba.us).)

**Net Rippers** is a gay men's indoor soccer team that's just starting up in Portland. ([ibendoverbeckham@gmail.com](mailto:ibendoverbeckham@gmail.com). [www.myspace.com/netrippers](http://www.myspace.com/netrippers).)

**Out Dancing** teaches dancing for same-sex couples at Ankeny Street Studio. Classes for different dance styles start the first Friday of each month: country, swing, tango, cha-cha, etc. Call for schedule. (503-236-5129. [out\\_dancing@yahoo.com](mailto:out_dancing@yahoo.com). [home.att.net/~outdancing](http://home.att.net/~outdancing).)

**OutKayaking**, Portland's gay and lesbian sea kayak group, explores the lakes, rivers and bays of northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. ([www.outkayaking.org](http://www.outkayaking.org).)

**Portland Gay & Lesbian Community Bowling Association** is in its 28th season! Meets Sundays at Hollywood Bowl. Drop-ins welcome anytime. (3:30 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. Mailing address: PO Box 42034, Portland, OR 97242. 503-722-0438. [pdxbowl@comcast.net](mailto:pdxbowl@comcast.net). [www.pdxbowl.com](http://www.pdxbowl.com).)

Whether you're a running novice or a seasoned marathoner, **Portland Frontrunners** welcomes gay, lesbian, bi and trans people of all abilities and interests. (Gary [info@portlandfrontrunners.org](mailto:info@portlandfrontrunners.org). [www.portlandfrontrunners.org](http://www.portlandfrontrunners.org).)

**Rosetown Ramblers**, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances at mainstream and plus levels. (PO Box 5352, Portland, OR 97228-5352. [www.rosetownramblers.com](http://www.rosetownramblers.com).)

**Ruby Red Flippers**, a group of gay and lesbian scuba divers in the Portland area, teaches new recruits and takes dives in Tacoma, Hood Canal and other Pacific Northwest waters. ([www.rubyredflippers.org](http://www.rubyredflippers.org).)

**Soccer players** capable of participating in 2006 Gay Games July 15-22 in Chicago sought for adult league in Portland. (Carlos 503-282-4907. [gaygames\\_soccer@myway.com](mailto:gaygames_soccer@myway.com).)

**Team Oregon**, the umbrella sports group coordinating efforts for Outgames 2006 in Montreal and Gay Games 2006 in Chicago, holds monthly meetings for those wanting to participate. (503-736-3292. [www.teamoregon2006.org](http://www.teamoregon2006.org).)

**Team Tennis** meets Sundays at University of Portland. All levels of play welcome. First time is free, subsequent times are \$7. Please join us! (8 am-noon. 503-788-8192. [teamporlandtennis@yahoo.com](mailto:teamporlandtennis@yahoo.com).)

### YOUTH

**Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)** is the only international organization specifically supporting young people with sexual minority parents. ([colage@thefamily.org](mailto:colage@thefamily.org). [www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org).)

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180 # 129, Tigard, OR 97223. 503-525-1177. [glsen@glsenoregon.org](mailto:glsen@glsenoregon.org). [www.glsenoregon.org](http://www.glsenoregon.org).)

**House of MOCHA (Men of Color Healthy & Aware)** is a group of gay/bi/same-gender-loving men of color between 16 and 25 who want to engage in activities, socials and community events among their peers. (Kourtnei 503-417-7991. [www.brotobropdx.org](http://www.brotobropdx.org).)

**Outside In** operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as needle exchange services that include those who inject hormones. Provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger and for those HIV-positive and younger than 23. Need volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. 1132 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800. [www.outsidein.org](http://www.outsidein.org).)

**Pride Project** brings together Washington County queer and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral and advocacy services in Washington County. (Austin 503-260-5792. [austin@prideproject.org](mailto:austin@prideproject.org).)

**Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC)** offers support, recreation, counseling and referral to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly trans, leadership and art support group meetings. (4-9 pm Wednesday, 4-11 pm Friday. 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664. [www.smyrc.org](http://www.smyrc.org).)

# Sister Act

## How should I approach my brothers about donating sperm?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My partner, Sherri, and I hope to get my two younger brothers to donate their sperm to us, which we'd use to impregnate Sherri this year.

The problem is that we don't know how to ask them. They are nice boys, ages 17 and 19, and they adore and look up to me as their older, wiser sister.

Should we appeal to them as straight men who can help lesbians have a family? Should we beg? Sherri thinks it's problematic, and our friend keeps saying it's incest. It isn't technically incest, is it?

—Big Sister



**Ms. Behavior**  
BY MERYL COHN

DEAR BIG SISTER:

If your brothers aren't eager participants, you mustn't try to strong-arm them into handing over their juices. It's easy to see the appeal of using relatives for your reproductive task, but not if it requires wielding power over them—even the power of your sisterly persuasion.

If, however, one of your brothers gets teary-eyed at the thought of donating spooze to needy lesbians, don't break out the Cosmopolitans just yet. Give him a chance to think about it (say, at least a month), and encourage him to discuss it with a therapist. It might seem like a cautious approach, but the decision to father a child with whom he'll likely have contact is one that merits thoughtfulness. It's not as if your brother would be jerking off into a cup for a random stranger at a sperm bank, who would know him only by number. Even if responsibility for the child would lie with you and Sherri, your brother's participation might be life-changing for him.

If one of your brothers does father your child, it wouldn't be considered incest. Still, the brother-as-father scenario might result in weird family dynamics, particularly if you fail to construct a written agreement detailing your sperm donor's involvement.

Most people decline to use written agreements in dealing with people they trust (like family members) for fear of offending them. But clarity of intention with a family member is even more important than it would be with a stranger; you have much more at stake. If one of your brothers agrees to donate to your cause, be sure to have a written and signed document, explicitly stating his role with the child.

For example, will your brother be considered a parent, or do you intend to assign him the role of "uncle"? Will he have any financial responsibility for the child? Will he have visitation rights? Will he try to claim custody if anything should happen to your partner?

Consult with a lawyer before drafting your document. Your agreement might not be legally binding if a judge determines it doesn't serve the best interests of the child. However, if anything goes wrong, it may be used to demonstrate the intentions of all parties at the time the agreement was made.

In any case, Sherri's view of the arrangement as problematic should be considered, discussed and resolved before you approach your brothers with a Tupperware container and a copy of *Hustler* magazine.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I have a huge crush on my massage therapist, Bob, who I see weekly. I think about him all the time and imagine being with him. I suspect that he likes me, too, but he has clear boundaries and probably wouldn't express interest in a client.

Should I ask Bob on a date, or would that put him in an awkward position? What if it makes it difficult for us to even continue the massages? I don't know what to do. I rarely meet anyone I want to date.

—Frank

DEAR FRANK:

You need to assess your risk tolerance: Are you willing to sacrifice an hour of weekly pleasure with Bob for the possibility of having his whole enchilada? Have you ever watched the game show *Deal or No Deal*? Let's try to quantify it by saying that the weekly massage relationship you have now is worth \$5,000, but the sleeping-in-the-same-bed-and-mutual-sodomy relationship is worth \$1 million. If you decide to try for the suitcase with the massage therapist, inform Bob that you're terminating your massage relationship so that you can ask him on a date. You'll know by his reaction whether you've blown the small prize in pursuit of The Big One. **JO**

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Fax submissions to: 503-236-1257 or e-mail [justout@justout.com](mailto:justout@justout.com). Submissions cannot be accepted over the phone.

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