

**Satori Men's Chorus** welcomes new members of all ages and races, 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. [apl\\_gdx@yahoo.com](mailto:apl_gdx@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. [brmcprz@yahoo.com](mailto:brmcprz@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. ([acbpportland@webtv.net](mailto:acbpportland@webtv.net).)

**Coqsure** 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/coqsure](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/coqsure).)

**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.otsorry.org/fagpdx](http://www.otsorry.org/fagpdx).)

**50+ lesbian social group** for women meets on the third Saturday of the month. (4-7 pm. 503-642-3360 or 503-288-1870. [sutaytig@aol.com](mailto:sutaytig@aol.com).)

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

**Gay Men Who Have Lost Their Partners** meets at the West Cafe to provide an opportunity for conversation and socializing. The death need not have occurred recently. (7:30 pm second Wednesday. 1201 SW Jefferson St. 503-701-9376.)

**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/fundraising 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. ([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 intel-

lectual women and those who want to meet them. (Lani 503-233-3557. [Join\\_listserv\\_at\\_Lesbians\\_wDegrees\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Join_listserv_at_Lesbians_wDegrees_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.)

**Monamorous 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/nudists. 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](mailto: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](mailto:games.groups.yahoo.com/group/PdxLesboNerds).)

The gay **Pinocle 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 Audencio 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 into 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. [plm@direway.com](mailto:plm@direway.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](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/portlandlesbianbookclub).)

**Portland Lesbian Network** organizes brewpub visits, golf events, hiking, kayaking, cycling, Scrabble games and movie nights and keeps you aware of what's going on in the area. ([PDXLesbianNetwork\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:PDXLesbianNetwork_subscribe@yahoo.com).)

**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).)

**Sappho Social Club** is a group of women 40 years and older building community through social and cultural activities. ([thesapphosocialclub@yahoo.com](mailto:thesapphosocialclub@yahoo.com).)

**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. ([veggieguys@aol.com](mailto:veggieguys@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.womenoftherivers.org](http://www.womenoftherivers.org).)

## 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 Men's Walking Group** invites gay, bi and questioning men to stroll in various neighborhoods around Portland for fun, friendship and exercise. (7 pm Wednesday. Tom 503-984-4549.)

**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).)

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

**Portland Gay Basketball Association** practices at Tubman Middle School. All skill levels welcome! (7:30-9:30 pm Monday. 2231 N Flint Ave. [pdxgayhoops@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxgayhoops@yahoo.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. ([rubbyredflippers@yahoo.com](mailto:rubbyredflippers@yahoo.com). [www.rubbyredflippers.org](http://www.rubbyredflippers.org).)

**Team Oregon**, the umbrella sports group coordinating efforts for Outgames and Gay Games, 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@lmfamily.org](mailto:colage@lmfamily.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.brotobrodx.org](http://www.brotobrodx.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).)

# I Touch Myself

## Pussy petting perturbs partner

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

What should I do about my partner, who always has her hand down her pants? Mary claims that her "twirling," as she affectionately refers to it, is not considered "playing with herself." What else could it be? I should mention that when nervous or confused, Mary needs to "go there" to relax herself, but often doesn't even realize she's gone there. I mean, is it possible that she doesn't know she's doing it? It's a bit frustrating to try to converse with a gal whose eyes are all glazed over, and I realize I have mostly lost her attention.

Mary knows your column and suggested that I write and ask you if what she is doing is considered masturbating, not to mention rude. Your immediate attention in this matter would be appreciated.

—Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS:

Whether or not she climaxes, Mary technically is masturbating, although it sounds like she does it in the distracted, self-soothing way that infants use pacifiers to comfort themselves. Unfortunately, Mary's pacifier isn't one that you can just wrench from her hands to get her attention. Her indulgence in this relaxation method frustrates you because you feel excluded from her public reverie, which takes place near you but has nothing to do with you.

As for Mary's question about whether it's rude: Well, maybe. It's at least akin to reading the newspaper or maybe holding your hands over your ears, loudly singing "La La La" while someone tries to talk with you. Perhaps it's worse, because Mary is doing it in front of someone who doesn't want to watch but feels compelled to figure out whether she's mindlessly scratching or going for The Big One.

Does Mary manage to contain her impulse to play with herself at work, or in front of her family and friends? Or does she rock rhythmically with her hand down her pants even when standing in line at the bank or the post office? You may imagine that if she can contain the impulse in a public place, she'd also be able to contain it while watching television in the living room. However, this is an argument you should avoid, because it might inspire the opposite of your intended effect, prompting her to touch herself regardless of the location. Then she would indeed be a girlfriend you can't take anywhere.

Will Mary let you join her? If not, consider leaving the room while she entertains herself. No matter how fascinating you are, your conversation cannot compete with her diddling, so you shouldn't even try talking to her. Tell her to come find you when she's done.

Ms. Behavior would prefer not to receive angry missives from the Right to Masturbate League of North America, so please understand that she believes that masturbation, in the proper (private or consensually mutual) context, is a beautiful thing.

—MtF

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I know this has probably been asked countless times before, but why is it so much more socially acceptable for a woman to wear men's clothing than a man to wear women's clothing? Why have the gender roles been so unevenly balanced? Mended together on one side yet torn apart on the other side?

I realize I'm probably just looking at things from a male-to-female trans point of view, but am I overreacting? Or is this something others, GLBT or not, also have a problem with?

DEAR MTf:

Many a dissertation could be written on the gender disparity in fashion. Perhaps the trend toward women wearing flat shoes and pants (once considered men's clothes) started because it was easier to ride horses or harvest corn without the worry of toppling over on heels or of finding bugs and snakes creeping into nether regions.

You're probably not overreacting. If you leave your house in women's clothes, you undoubtedly encounter people who loudly express their discomfort at your clothing choices, because they believe you "should" be dressed in traditional men's attire. It would indeed be nice if you could just throw on a pretty little frock to go to the opera just because you're more comfortable like that, but it's probably not that easy.

Transsexuals are still confronted with attitudes that may be equivalent to the pre-Stonewall era of gay and lesbian rights. Hopefully, recent films like *Transamerica* are an indication that times are changing. Meanwhile, being who you are and dressing how you want to dress will continue to require bravery and the knowledge that you're already beautiful exactly as you are. jo

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