

**Creative Connection** (formerly Real Connection) is a social gathering for gay men who are artists, writers or musicians or who pursue some creative activity. Noncommercial, nonjudgmental; supporting personal creativity for novices and professionals alike. Monthly potlucks on the second Friday. (7 pm. Carl 503-284-2971.)

**Film discussion group** forming for gay, bi and trans men. Share your perspective regarding portrayals of sexual minority men in current films. Monthly activities include group outings to see films. (filmtalk@verizon.net.)

**Lesbians in the Arts Soiree** is a monthly social gathering for artists, musicians, writers, performers and others to share and support each other in their creative endeavors. (courtneyswan@spiritone.com.)

**Portland Gay Men's Chorus** is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503-226-2588. www.pdxgmc.org.)

**Portland Lesbian Choir** is an informal, nonaudition community chorus for women of all ages to sing, socialize and share songs, melodies and talents. Directed by Ray Elliot, a talented and experienced leader. New members welcome to rehearsals at Ainsworth United Church of Christ on an open enrollment through fall 2006. (6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday. 2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-727-3306. portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com. www.plchoir.org.)

**Rose City Gay Freedom Band** is a performance group for queers and supportive friends of varying musical skill levels with annual fall and spring concerts. Subgroups include the Rose City Swing band and a marching band with flag corps. Come join us! (503-790-2170. info@rcgfb.org. www.rcgfb.org.)

**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.satori chorus.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. aplg\_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.)

**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.)

**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. castflyers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/castflyers.)

**A Common Bond** is a social support network for former or questioning Jehovah's Witnesses who are queer. (acbportland@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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**FTM Pacific NW OR & WA** is a social and discussion group for female-to-male trans men. (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.)

**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. rogermossner@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.)

**Imperial Sovereign Rosa 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.rosacourt.org.)

**Jewish Gay Men's Group**—please call for meeting time and place. (503-246-5939. efrainlevi@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.)

**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 that was started for degreed women, but no degree is necessary. Just come and join the fun! Pool parties, Scrabble and more. (Lani 503-233-3557. Join listserv at LesbiansWDegrees-subscribe@yahoogroups.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. 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.)

**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.)

**Oregon Men Enjoying Naturism** is a social organization for gay male naturists/nudists. Social gathering second Saturday of every month. (omenpdx@omenpdx.org. 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.)

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.)

**Podar 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.)

**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@directway.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.)

**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@yahoogroups.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. pdxprimertimers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/pdxprimertimers.)

**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.)

**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. 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.)

**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.)

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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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. imnregon@com cast.net. 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. (10 am Saturday. Tom 503-984-4549.)

**Gay Women's Golf Group** welcomes all levels of players. (www.turfgirz.com.)

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

**Net Rippers** is a gay men's indoor soccer team that's just starting up in Portland. (bendoverbeckham@gmail.com. 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. 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.out kayaking.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. 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. pdxgay hoops@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. 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.)

**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. (rubyredflippers@yahoo.com. www.rubyredflippers.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. teamportlandtennis@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. 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. 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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**Tattle Tale**  
Should I expose a liar?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I was at a party recently where we played What's the Worst Thing You Ever Did, a drinking game in which people went around the room confessing secrets.

Ella, a friend of a friend, confessed that she lied on a government application to get a grant. Most people confessed silly or ridiculous secrets, but this woman clearly broke the law and acted unethically. I feel like it is my duty to tell someone (e.g., the organization that gave her the grant), but my girlfriend says I should just let it go. Worse is that we are likely to end up in social situations with this liar, and I will be forced to be nice to her.

What is the etiquette here? Am I bound by the fellowship of the game and the party to keep her lousy secret?

—Uneasy

DEAR UNEASY:

Perhaps Ella's lie prevented someone more deserving from receiving the grant, but unless the game was called "Tattletale" or "Snitch," you should not run to the government agency and complain. Ella's misdeed is hardly admirable, but it's not like she admitted to selling babies or torturing puppies, is it?

Unless someone reveals that he or she intends to hurt someone, the implicit understanding of such games is that secrets will not be revealed to others after the party. Would you expect someone to snitch about your secret? What if someone told your ex-girlfriend that you once sat on another woman's face by accident while you were still dating? Maybe you're so good and pure that you've never made a little mistake. But you should know that telling on others doesn't make your goodness more substantial.

Only you know whether you can bear to be nice to Ella in a social situation. But if His Holiness the Dalai Lama is your model for kindness, you should probably at least déign to say hello.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

Our good friends Miriam and Dora are inseminating, as are we. The problem is that they are using the same sperm bank we are, and they are also going to go for Jewish sperm like we are, which limits the pool even further.

I am afraid we will end up with the same donor, since we have similar tastes and values. Do you think it's invasive for us to ask them to coordinate with us, so that our children don't end up having the same father? I have a specific donor in mind already, and I don't want them to sign up for the same one. It seems weird and unboundaried to leave it to chance.

No one else seems to be the least bit worried about this. How can I bring the topic up without seeming like a total control freak?

—Big Mama

DEAR BIG MAMA:

You haven't said why it bothers you to use the same sperm as your friends. If you're concerned that your spawn will grow up and marry a nearby half-brother or half-sister, subsequently giving birth to mutant babies, it's not likely. Should such a melodrama arise, you'd simply reveal the horrible truth, just as parents do in a soap opera. (Actually, if you feel compelled to protect against inadvertent incest, you'll need to ban your child from ever having sex with anyone with unknown birth parents.)

You probably can't broach the topic of coordinating sperm donors without seeming like a total control freak, because, well, you are a total control freak. But it's time for self-examination: Why are you so possessive of a particular sperm donor, given the impersonal context of insemination? It's not as if the donor is your boyfriend and Miriam and Dora want to extract his semen doggie style. Are you the kind of person who gets upset if, say, you have a yellow house and your neighbor paints her house yellow, or a friend buys shoes like your shoes? Is your need for control particular to spooze? Or are you just competitive with your friends?

Your partner is right; you should try to let it go. But if you really feel the need to direct the situation, then find out which sperm donor Miriam and Dora plan to use and pick someone else. It's a more effective solution than attempting to ban them from using your dream donor. 10

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