

**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.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. 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. (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.)

**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. bighn-boy@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 femmephobia 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 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.)

**Happy Ours Productions** is a grassroots group dedicated to building the visibility, community participation and collective leadership of lesbian women of color through a wide variety of social, networking, consciousness-raising and action-oriented activities, events and projects. (www.happyooursproductions.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.rose.court.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.)

**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@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 each 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.)

**Monomorous 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 Gal'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. A 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 **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 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.)

**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@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.)

**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.)

**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-rrmc.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. imnoregon@comcast.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.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.)

**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 north-west Oregon and southwest Washington. (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. 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.)

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. (rubyledflippers@yahoo.com. www.rubyledflippers.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.brotobrapdx.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.)

# When to Tell

## Do I disclose that I don't have a dick?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I'm transgendered, FTM, and have been living as a man for two years. I don't think most people can tell; I seem to basically pass as male. I've had top surgery, but my bottom surgery will have to wait until I can afford it.

Here's the question: I met a woman, Jen, at the dog park, and we had a date last weekend. I've been struggling about when to tell her. I don't want to wait until we're about to have sex to say, "Oh by the way, I used to be female and I don't have a dick yet."

My friend James, who is also an FTM, says he always tells women before he even asks them out. I'd prefer to get to know someone a bit first. But it's unclear to me how soon I need to tell. Is it a matter of ethics to tell before you even go on a date?

—Ray



**Ms. Behavior**  
BY MERYL COHN

DEAR RAY:

The time to tell is before your tongue is in your date's mouth (which otherwise makes it hard to talk). If you tell before you're in any way sexually intimate, you'll avoid a lot of awkwardness, as well as the possibility of your date feeling betrayed by something that seems like a secret.

Since questions about "When to Tell" come up frequently from readers, here's a list of some of the other things you should tell someone before you swap spit, particularly if you're interested in more than a one-night stand:

1. I'm married (or in a committed relationship).
2. I'm with the circus.
3. I'm not sure if I'm gay or if this is just an experiment.
4. I'm leaving town tomorrow.
5. I have several children.
6. I'm pregnant.
7. I have a sexually communicable disease.
8. My dog likes to watch.
9. I'm a hopeless cling-on.
10. I have a jealous ex who tries to systematically destroy the people I date.
11. Mental illness runs in my family.
12. I haven't had a job since 1986.
13. I live at home with my mother.
14. My mother is a narcissist, and I might be one, too.
15. I don't like oral sex.
16. I can't come unless \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank with whatever applies: a) I'm wearing my special shoes, b) you pee on me, c) a circle of Little People call me a dirty whore, etc.)
17. My other girlfriend is waiting in the car.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

Upon finishing my tour in the Middle East, I came back home to my adorable boyfriend. We're readapting to life back together rather well, but for one thing. You see, I gave him a couple of long flowing dresslike robes—you know, the kind you see some Arab men wear in the movies. He loves them so much he insists on wearing one every night, to bed no less. He says he loves the feel of the silky clothes on his skin.

However, I can't stand that artificial barrier between his skin and mine. Not even changing the bed sheets to higher thread count convinced him to get back to sleeping in the buff again. I really miss cuddling next to my naked hubby; how can I convince him to get rid of those awful robes? What would you say if they accidentally got shredded in a laundry mishap?

—Another Middle East Crisis

DEAR ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST CRISIS:

Can't you think of a creative way to make your boyfriend strip? Try easing up on your complaint for a while, and let your boyfriend enjoy sleeping in the Arab dresses. After a few days or weeks, offer him a massage. He might shed the robes for a better rubdown, and if you're proficient enough, you might inspire him to remain naked. If that doesn't work, try a magnificent blowjob, and suggest that he removes the robe so it doesn't get sullied.

If both of your attempts fail to motivate him to remove the robe, don't take it personally, because it probably has nothing to do with you. Perhaps your boyfriend enjoys the sensual feeling of the silk, or maybe he's working out a childhood desire to wear a dress. Even if he's using the robe as a physical barrier to achieve distance from you, don't be threatened; it's probably a phase that will pass in a few weeks or months if you don't make it into a big deal.

If, however, you shred your boyfriend's robes in a laundry mishap, he'll probably idealize them (the way you would a person who dumped you), mourn their loss, seek to replace them with a dozen silky dresses and never again go naked.

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