

**Foreign Film Group** meets every second and fourth Sunday to screen foreign films at various venues, followed by a group discussion. (*pdkgay.film@yahoo.com.*)

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

**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. *brcmprez@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*. *www.geocities.com/casflyers.*)

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

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

**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 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.)

**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 **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.)

**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 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. *pim@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 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. *rdcd@teleport.com*. *www.rdcd.org.*)

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

**Social OUTings** is a social group for all interested in meeting people and doing activities other than bar-hopping. (*kyleinportland@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. (*veggieguy@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. *innoregon@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.turfgriz.com.*)

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

**Net Rippers** is a gay men's indoor soccer team that's just starting up in Portland. (*benndoverbeckham@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.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. *pdxbowling@comcast.net*. *www.pdxbowling.com.*)

**Portland Gay Basketball Association** practices at Tubman Middle School. All skill levels welcome! (7:30-9:30 pm Monday. 2231 N Flint Ave. *pdkgayhoops@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.*)

Join the **Rose City Softball Association**, Oregon's largest gay sports organization, for open and women's divisions of slow-pitch softball. Regular season games are played throughout the summer at Gordon Faber Recreational Complex in Hillsboro. All levels of experience are welcome. (4450 NW 229th Ave. *www.rosecitysoftball.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.*)

**Pop Quiz**

**How do I know when to trust someone?**

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My girlfriend Mo broke up with me a few weeks ago. We were only together four months, and she wasn't over her previous girlfriend. Mo said we should separate for a few months and then "see how it goes." She said that she loved me and that if she could be with anyone, it would be me.

Now, a month later, Mo is already with someone new. I feel foolish because I believed her when she said she loved me. Clearly, she was done with me but didn't know how to tell me.

I don't want to keep going through this. How can I tell if someone is lying when she says she loves me? How do I know when to trust someone?

—Afraid to Love Again



DEAR AFRAID TO LOVE AGAIN:

Some people get into relationships and then find they can't go very deep, either because of their history (bad mommy) or circumstance (ugly recent breakup). Mo probably meant it when she said she loved you, but then couldn't really dive in, because she wasn't done with her ex.

So, if Mo couldn't work it out with you, why is she dating someone new? Because it's easy. Some people can do the "getting to know you" phase of dating but can't move beyond that—to the murky, exciting place you go when you're intimate with someone. (This is where they reveal their creepy little needs and sore spots and you love them anyway.)

Sure, you could harden your heart and protect yourself with cynicism. You could decide never to believe anyone who claims to be devoted to you. But do you really want to do that? Sadly, you can't fully protect yourself from getting hurt but still leave yourself open to love (You Tender Little Sparrow, You).

Here's a quiz that might help you to discern whether to trust the person you're dating:

1. When does she tell you that she loves you?
  - a. When she's looking into your eyes
  - b. After she's thrown your grandmother's china against the wall in anger
  - c. While she's going down on you
  - d. When her ex-lover is within earshot
2. What does she do when you reunite after a weekend apart?
  - a. Grunt
  - b. Complain about how long you've been gone
  - c. Greet you, sodomize you, and fall asleep holding you
  - d. Confess that she had phone sex with her ex

After writing the above two questions, Ms. Behavior decided that no others were necessary. You probably don't even need an answer key. Good luck.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My dear friend BJ is a social climber. Lately, he is involved with a group of wealthy lesbians and barely has time for me.

At the hub of his new circle are a couple, Doris and Cynthia. The problem started when Doris and Cynthia reserved a table for 10 at a gay and lesbian charity event. BJ invited me to buy two tickets at the glamour table for \$100 each. I soon realized I couldn't go, so I returned the tickets to BJ so they could be resold.

Now BJ says that Doris forgot to give the money back to him, but he doesn't want to embarrass her by mentioning it. BJ refuses to pay me back unless Doris reimburses him. This sucks because it proves that BJ values his new rich friends more than me (and we've been friends for 10 years).

Two hundred dollars is a lot for me. I've thought about e-mailing Doris directly, but I don't want to annoy BJ. How can I make BJ see that he's wrong?

—James

DEAR JAMES:

BJ's captivation with his wealthy friends is juvenile and shortsighted but has nothing to do with your value as a friend. Sucking up to the rich is just as shallow as the teenage behavior of worshipping the hip or beautiful. It's clear that BJ is trying to feel better about himself. Still, it's distressing to learn your friend is more superficial than you suspected.

You can't "make" BJ see your point of view. Further discussion is likely to flop right now. You're already agitated and insecure, and BJ is sipping Doris' Kool-Aid and therefore unable to assess the situation fairly.

If Doris never remembers to return the money, you could write a friendly note, offering best wishes for the event and sending regrets that you can't be there. You could mention that you haven't gotten your refund but that you expect to receive it after the party is over. Who cares if BJ gets annoyed? He's pretty annoying himself.

If nothing pans out and you never see your \$200, at least you'll have donated it to a gay and lesbian charity (and not, for example, the National Rifle Association). ☐

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