

## Sexual

**The Multnomah County Health Department STD Program** offers testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing and hepatitis A and B vaccinations. By appointment or walk-in. Most insurance plans accepted; sliding-scale fee. Se habla español. (9 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday except 12:30-4:30 pm Wednesday, 426 SW Stark St., Sixth Floor. 503-988-3700.)

## SOCIAL

### Arts & Music

**Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus** rehearses Sundays at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. (4-6:30 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. 503-364-2370. [confluence@aol.com](mailto:confluence@aol.com). [www.confluencechorus.org](http://www.confluencechorus.org).)

**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](mailto:filmtalk@verizon.net).)

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

**Portland Gay Men's Chorus** is open to singers, support members and volunteers. (503-226-2588. [www.pdgmcc.org](http://www.pdgmcc.org).)

**Portland Lesbian Choir**, a nonaudition community women's chorus, encourages women of any musical skill level to participate in its 21st season of singing, skill building and socializing, led by interim director Casey Moffett-Chaney. Rehearsals take place at Ainsworth United Church of Christ. (6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, 2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-727-3306. [portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com](mailto:portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com). [www.plchoir.org](http://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](mailto:info@rcgfb.org). [www.rcgfb.org](http://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. (503-242-4244. [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).)

**Bookwomen** is a lesbian discussion group that meets monthly to share stories, favorite authors, top 10 lists and opinions and reviews of the assigned book. (503-684-0305. [mikkata@comcast.net](mailto:mikkata@comcast.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. ([jacobportland@webtv.net](mailto:jacobportland@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](http://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. [highnboy@aracnet.com](mailto:highnboy@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](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 971-216-1173. [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](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 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).)

**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](http://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](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.)

**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](mailto: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.)

**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](http://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 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 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](mailto: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](http://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. Gatherings include monthly potlucks, bingo and dining out. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 360-254-1718 or 503-286-4613. [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 and oldest open pansexual/alternative sexuality club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and "lifestyle" that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, social, workshops and newsletter. ([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 Women on Wheels Motorcycle International, encourages women who love to ride to gather for good times, support and growth in the sport through social meetings, professional seminars, rider training and organized and pickup rides. Monthly meetings at MacTarnahan's Taproom. (6:30 pm second Thursday, 2730 NW 31st Ave. [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).)

**Fits Bowling** invites you to come join this fun, friendly, alternative league at AMF Pro 300 Lanes. (7 pm Friday, 3031 SE Powell Blvd. 503-234-0237.)

**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@comcast.net](mailto:imnregon@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. (10 am Saturday. Tom 503-984-4549.)

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

**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).)

**PDX Pride Bowling League** is recruiting for fun games Friday nights September through April. ([info@pdxpridebowl.com](mailto:info@pdxpridebowl.com).)

**PDX NetRippers** are Portland's queer soccer organization with competitive indoor soccer, outdoor scrimmages, practices for all levels and regional tournaments. (Kyle [ben-doverbeckham@gmail.com](mailto:ben-doverbeckham@gmail.com). [www.myspace.com/netrippers](http://www.myspace.com/netrippers).)

**Portland Gay & Lesbian Bowling Association** celebrates 30 years with its 2007-08 season. Meets Sundays from Labor Day through Memorial Day at Hollywood Bowl. Drop-ins welcome anytime. (3:30 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. Mailing address: PO Box 42034, Portland, OR 97232. 503-693-6261. [pdxbowl@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxbowl@yahoo.com). [www.pdxbowl.com](http://www.pdxbowl.com).)

**Portland Gay Basketball Association** welcomes all skill levels. ([groups.yahoo.com/group/PortlandGayBasketballAssociation](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PortlandGayBasketballAssociation).)

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).)

**Rose City Softball Association** is Oregon's largest sports organization for the gay and lesbian community. With open and women's divisions at all levels, RCSA plays slow-pitch softball games on most Sundays throughout the summer at Gordon Faber Recreational Complex in Hillsboro. Join a team or form a new one! (4450 NW 229th Ave. [membership@rosecitysoftball.org](mailto:membership@rosecitysoftball.org). [www.rosecitysoftball.org](http://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](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).)

**She Rocks**, a supportive rock climbing group for lesbians 18 and older, organizes year-round climbing and training events chosen according to skill level. Monthly meetings are held at Bagdad Pub. (6:30-7:30 pm second Thursday, 3702 SE Hawthorne Blvd. [www.sherocks.wetpaint.com](http://www.sherocks.wetpaint.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. [teamportlandtennis@yahoo.com](mailto:teamportlandtennis@yahoo.com).)

# Out of Control

## I don't want my ex to mix with new boyfriend

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I was with Jose for six years, and we're still close friends. Now I've been with Dan for the past eight months, but Jose doesn't know; I didn't think my new life with Dan was something I needed to share with Jose. Dan thinks I keep him a secret because I'm still in love with Jose, but really it's just that my breakup with Jose was rough and I don't want to cause him further pain.

Last week I was with Dan shopping and unexpectedly bumped into Jose, who was very nice and even invited Dan to a party he's having later this month. I didn't introduce Dan as my boyfriend, but I'm sure Jose figured it out.

Dan was very relieved to finally meet Jose and wants to go to the party because he thinks we should "come out of the closet" about our relationship. Since Jose is clearly important to me (and we live in a small community), Dan wants to let the ex into our life together.

But I don't want Dan to go to the party or to mix him with Jose. What do you think?

—Max

DEAR MAX:

You need to move on. If you're serious about Dan, you should either bring him to the party or stay home yourself. This is not to say that couples should do everything together, but in this case your insistence on separating your ex and your boyfriend du jour cultivates drama galore.

It seems that the only one who's not OK with this inevitable meeting is you. Your resistance to getting beyond the initial awkwardness of starting a new life with a new boyfriend may unconsciously be your way of keeping Jose hooked in. If that's not what you want, try to be gracious and polite instead of controlling and weird.

Be honest with Jose and trust that even if there is a moment or two of hurt feelings, everything will fall into place. It usually does.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I changed my life for the better a few years ago by moving to a new city and finding new friends. Last month a friend from my old crew tracked me down; she moved nearby and wants to pick things up where we left off seven years ago. She calls me a lot, wanting to get together.

I don't want to resume an intense friendship with her because I am no longer the person I was back then and don't want to be seen that way. She hasn't done anything wrong, and I don't want to hurt her. Is there a way to explain to someone that you've changed and don't want to be friends?

—Daisy

DEAR DAISY:

Did you enter the Witness Protection Program? If not, it's hard to guess why you needed to escape when you changed your life and moved to a new city. Perhaps you used to do drugs and sell your body and now you chant and meditate. Or vice versa. In any case, if you view your old friend's reappearance as an intrusion, you don't have to befriend her again or even offer an explanation (like, "It's not you, it's me").

Normally, it's best to be honest, but in this case, it doesn't sound like you know exactly what you're trying to avoid. If you disappoint her a few times by being busy when she calls, eventually she'll move on.

But the bigger issue is about your self-awareness and self-acceptance. What is it that you want in your life that you feel like you can gain only by avoiding people who knew you before? Does someone else's perception of you change who you are at your essence? If your sense of self is so fragile, then it doesn't sound like you're firmly rooted in your identity, and maybe that's the real problem.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

Just a comment on your response to "Mystified," who wondered why dykes hate men: Fuck you ["Dykes Hate Men," Dec. 21, 2007].

I have traveled the country as well, and I agree that in general lesbians are beyond rude to men, especially the "butcher," more "straight acting" men. How dare you accuse "Mystified" of being a "misogynist." And don't even pull out the oppression card around anybody in the gay community. You are truly clueless.

—P.B.

DEAR P.B.:

Your polite and intelligent letter has persuaded Ms. Behavior that she was totally wrong: There is no such thing as a misogynist, and "dykes" are just unnecessarily rude to all men who innocently cross their paths. Thanks so much for sharing your wisdom and enlightenment. 10

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