

and questioning men to explore their relationship with drugs and alcohol, past or present, at the Center for Healthy Relationships. Newcomers should arrive a half-hour early for orientation. (6-7:30 pm Wednesday, 1205 NE Broadway, \$10 a meeting, Mike Binks 503-281-3318, ext. 36. www.sccpdx.org.)

Poz for the Cause, a 12-step recovery group for anyone infected or affected by HIV who has a desire to stop the suffering associated with alcohol and drug abuse, meets at Rosewood Center. (7-8:15 pm Monday and Thursday, 4810 NE Sandy Blvd. Tom 503-916-9693.)

Rainbow Recovery Al-Anon is a 12-step group of queer and questioning people who support one another in recovering from the effects of another person's drinking. (6:15-7 pm Thursday, 1244 NE 39th Ave. 503-223-8822, ext. 1. www.al-anonportlandoregon.org.)

Rush Hour Reprieve is an open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. (5:30 pm Monday-Friday, 1210 SE Seventh Ave. 503-772-5213.)

Sex Addicts Anonymous is a 12-step program for those suffering from addictive sexual behaviors. Any gender and sexual orientation is welcome. Weekly gay- and lesbian-friendly meeting at Alano Club focuses on Steps 1-2-3 and the spiritual solution. (7-8 pm Tuesday, 909 NW 24th Ave., Second Floor. 503-452-5961. www.portlandsaa.org.)

Sunday Over the Rainbow, a 12-step Al-Anon group primarily for the sexual minorities community, helps family and friends of those addicted to alcohol or drugs on their own path to health and recovery. Meets in the Channing Room at First Unitarian Church of Portland. (5:15-6:30 pm Sunday, 1011 SW 12th Ave.)

The Triangle Project at Cascadia Behavioral Health Care is Oregon's only alcohol and drug addiction treatment program specifically for the queer community. Safe, respectful, confidential and effective since 1986. Services include a group for gay and bi men struggling with meth addiction. (503-230-9654.)

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. 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 potluck on the second Friday. (7 pm, Carl 583-284-2971.)

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.)

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

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

Portland Lesbian Choir, a nonaudition community chorus, encourages women who love to sing in harmony—regardless of musical experience, age, race or sexual orientation—to join us for singing, skill building, socializing and fun, led by 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. www.plchoir.org.)

Portland Gay Symphonic Band always welcomes new members, from accomplished musicians to those who have not played since high school. (www.portlandgaysymphonicband.org.)

Rose City Gay Freedom Marching Band performs once a year during Portland Pride. Drums and horns and flags, oh my! (www.rcgfb.org.)

Rose City Swing is a traditional 16-piece big band performing everything from classic dance standards to contemporary swing. Membership by audition. (www.rosecityswing.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.)

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.)

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.)

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. brmcprdx@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. (acbpdx@webtv.net.)

Cosure 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/cosure.)

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.otsorry.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.)

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 welcomes women at all levels of experience and offers two plant exchanges and four social events annually with additional spontaneous tours. A small fee is requested for membership, which includes a quarterly printed calendar and an invitation to join a private Yahoo group. (Lorinda

503-909-2002. www.lgcpdx.org.)

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.)

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.)

PDX Gay Board Gamers meets monthly in Northwest Portland to play everything from old-time gems (Life, Monopoly) to new classics (Settlers of Catan, Puerto Rico). Bring your favorite game along! (11:30 am-5 pm first Sunday. brunt1234@gmail.com.)

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.)

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 was established as a social group for older gay men as well as younger men who enjoy their company. Meetings include potluck meals, dining out, bingo and celebrations of special occasions. (PO Box 5884, Portland, OR 97228. 360-254-1718 or 503-286-4613. pdxprimetimers@yahoo.com. www.geocities.com/pdxprimetimers.)

Rainbow Eastenders is a group of active senior gay men who meet at Rainbow Vista in Gresham to socialize, travel and attend outings, including holiday parties, ocean cruises and dining out. Come make some new friends. (11 am third Saturday, 1350 W Powell Blvd. 503-667-5575. ian@rainbowvista.com.)

Rose City Discussion Club, the largest and oldest open pansexual/alternative sexuality club in the Northwest, is open to all orientations, fetishes and lifestyles that are safe, sane and consensual. Monthly meetings, social, workshops and newsletter. (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. (veggieguy@aol.com.)

Tuesday Twilight Tastings meets for casual tastings of fine wines and inspired food at West Cafe. (6-8 pm third Tuesday, 1201 SW Jefferson St. RSVP to 503-784-4807 or 503-227-8189.)

Get Over Yourself

No sympathy for jealous girlfriend, selfish jerk

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My new girlfriend, Dee-Dee, has a 13-year-old daughter, Fonda. I like kids and I even like this kid, but I hate the way Dee-Dee treats this girl. She wakes up in the morning out of bed with me and is immediately thinking about the kid.

This is what it's like at the breakfast table: "Fonda, do you want eggs? Pancakes? Cereal? A muffin? Toast? What can I make for you? You have to eat!" Finally, the kid is like, "OK, waffles, then."

But they have this type of conversation about everything. Dee-Dee totally babies her. And I get nothing. I think Dee-Dee is the one woman I've dated with whom I actually have a good shot at love. What can I do to make the situation with Fonda tolerable?



Ms. Behavior
BY MERYL COHN

—Dee-Dee's Butch

DEAR DEE-DEE'S BUTCH:

If you want to be in a relationship with Dee-Dee, you have to accept that Fonda comes first; that's just how it is when you're involved with a mother, and you can't sulk and suck your thumb and complain that you get nothing.

So, try to envision your future and see if it works for you. Let's say you want extra cuddle time, but Fonda needs help with her homework. The upshot? No cuddle time for you. Say you want to try out your new double-headed vibrating sex toy with Dee-Dee, but Fonda comes home from school early with a craving for milk and cookies. You'd better be willing to quickly change your agenda to chocolate chips and a refreshing beverage.

The question you need to ask yourself is whether you can tolerate a relationship where you're not No. 1. If you can, that's great; you'll get to find out whether you and Dee-Dee might have a future together. But if you're resentful about Dee-Dee offering several different breakfast choices before Fonda settles on waffles, it doesn't bode well for the thousands of other negotiations you'll likely endure. (Keep in mind that if Dee-Dee were to put your needs before her kid's, it would mean that she was actually a lousy parent.)

If your relationship with Dee-Dee doesn't work out, please make sure your next girlfriend isn't a MILF. Consider seeking a childless woman, so you can be sure of being her only baby.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I have never in my whole life cheated on a boyfriend, until very recently. I've been with Jason for eight years. He's a devoted and loving man who took me in when I was addicted to drugs and alcohol, and he loved me back to health.

Recently I've been concerned that Jason has let himself go (he's gained about 15 pounds) and that he's no longer interested in daily sex. He's five years older than I am and no longer works hard to stay fit, like I do. I doubt I'll be a couch potato when I'm Jason's age (39).

I recently met Frank in a totally unexpected way and ended up going home with him. (I wasn't looking for anything.) I've been staying with him for two months now, and it seems like my life has exploded. I'm happy in one way, but also lonely because all of my friends are judgmental about this.

Frank is 25. He is in great shape and can't keep his hands off me. I'm having a fantastic time. My friends are angry and acting like I'm a horrible person for "abandoning" Jason, who is apparently still waiting for me to come home. (All my stuff is still at our apartment.) They say I need to grow up. Do I? Or am I just pursuing my happiness, like everyone else?

—Peter Pan

DEAR PETER PAN:

You may not be a horrible person, but you're a shallow one. If you're dumping your loving husband of eight years who saved you from the gutter because he's gained 15 pounds and because a younger man wants you, you'd better pray that karma doesn't exist.

If you want Jason to take better care of himself, tell him. If you feel like you're in a rut together, ask him to go with you to couples therapy or a tantric workshop or even a shaman. The point is to do something together to try to fix whatever aspect of your relationship needs attention.

If the problem is that you no longer want a monogamous relationship, tell Jason that, rather than demonstrating your disrespect by moving in with someone else without even properly breaking up with Jason. (Leaving your crap behind instead of dealing with it means you didn't end your relationship appropriately.) Don't just act like a selfish jerk and hope it turns out OK in the end. It probably won't. 10

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