

'Lesbians of Size' Conference Announced

Third Annual Conference to be Held in New Jersey

By Robin Richards

The Third Annual National Conference for Lesbians of Size will be held at the Sheraton Parsippany, in Parsippany, NJ, October 5-8, 2001.

"Whether you are into politics, personal growth, activism, SM, butch-femme, swimming, dancing, or just hanging out with other fat dykes and their allies, you will find something for you here," stated Dot Nelson-Turnier.

Keynote speakers will include Marilyn Wann and Sondra Solovay who led a successful effort to make weight-based discrimination illegal in San Francisco.

Solovay is an activist, writer, educator, legal consultant, and author of *Tipping the Scales of Justice: Fighting Weight-Based Discrimination*. Her work has also appeared in *Curve*, *The San Francisco Bay Times* and *Fat Women Speak: Journeys to Self-Acceptance*. Ms. Wann is the author of *Fat!So?* and a participant in a fat women's synchronized swim group called "the Padded Lilies," which have been featured on the Jay Leno's *The Tonight Show*.

Ms. Wann was also on the news holding a sign that read, "Eat me!" at a protest against a San Francisco fitness club billboard claiming that when space aliens encounter

humans, "they will eat the fat ones first."

Toshi Reagon and Big Lovely will perform on Saturday, October 6, the second night of the conference, in an intimate hotel setting. The *New York Times* says of Toshi: "Ms. Reagon's music originates in her love of mixing things up...[her] vocal style ranges from a dirty blues moan to a gospel shout to an ethereal croon...she'll be a star in the smaller worlds she leaps between."

Workshops will be presented on topics such as "Food, Sex and Sensuality," "Fat Moves: Funky Dancing with Fat Girls"

and "Fatphobia and Other Forms of Oppression." Some other events include *Fat Girls Making Waves*, the 1st Annual Beach Ball Festival (at the pool) and the Grand Fat Opry.

The National Organization for Lesbians of Size is a support, social and networking organization for women who identify as lesbians and are fat or fat positive, their friends and allies.

For more information, visit their website at www.nolose.org, e-mail them at noloseless@excite.com or call 718-622-7631.



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FOR WOMEN

Friday, Girlz Club- Presented by Julie Garrity at *Club 5922*, located at 5922 S. Dixie Hwy at the corner of US1 and Sunset. For information call: (305) 661-0917.

Saturday, Ultra Sea Monster - Presented by *Girlworld Productions at Sea Monster*, 2 South New River Dr. West, Ft. Lauderdale. (954) 463-4641. No cover charge until 10 pm, breakfast buffet at 2 am.

SUNDAY

Sisterhood of Etz Chaim- Jewish women's social group. Meets 2nd Wednesdays at the *GLCC* from 11-3pm, (954) 463-9005

The Flamingo Freedom Band- Our communities premiere gay and lesbian concert & marching band is now rehearsing at the *GLCC* on Sunday nights at 6pm. Rehearsals are open to all, at any level of playing ability. For more information, stop by the community center at 6pm on Sunday night, call 954-792-1320 or visit www.flamingofreedomband.com/index.htm.

Gay Day at Busch Gardens Tampa- The folks in Tampa have been making the last Sunday of each month into Gay Day at *Busch Gardens* since '98. The park is open from 9am-8pm. Adults/\$50.83, Kids/\$41.29. For information go to www.geocities.com/tom813fl/.

Front Runners Ft. Lauderdale - Running, walking and skating begins at 7pm at *Holiday Park*. Meet in the parking lot to the right of the tennis courts. Dinner afterwards. Call 954-566-8413 or 954-462-7425 or e-mail zinger8@aol.com for more information.

Girth and Mirth - Meets the first Sunday of every month at 2pm at the *GLCC* (954) 463-9005

Coral Springs Youth Group - Facilitated by Laura Kaplan, LMHC, meets every Sunday from 6:30-8pm at 1505 N. University Drive, Suite 400, Coral Springs. 345-5644

PFLAG- Meets the second Sunday of every month from 3-5pm at the *GLCC*. For information call *PFLAG* at (954) 916-9252 or visit www.geocities.com/pflagftl.

Catholic Mass- Every Sunday at 10am with Father John Joseph Reid at The Rectory, 2749 NE 10th Ave, Wilton Manors. (954) 561-4545. Everyone is welcome.

Services at The Sunshine Cathedral- Each Sunday at 9:15 am, 11am and 6pm. The *Sunshine Cathedral* was founded in 1972 and offers

a spiritual home to all people in a loving, nurturing and non-judgmental environment. 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. (954) 462-2004.

Flamingo Freedom Band Rehearsals- Our communities premiere gay and lesbian concert & marching band holds open rehearsals at the *GLCC* on Sunday nights at 6pm.

All are welcome at any level of playing ability. For more information, stop by the community center at 6pm on Sunday night, or call 954-792-1320.

MONDAY

Golf-Out- South Florida's Co-Ed gay & Lesbian Golf Group plays Monday Nights *starting April 9th* in West Palm Beach's *Turtle Bay*. Tee-off at 5pm. All levels welcome. Pay as You Play. \$10.60 for 18 holes/riding. Contact Melinda at (561)616-5090 ext.4.

Positive Gay Men's Growth Group- Discuss issues and receive education in a safe environment. This group meets every other Monday at the *GLCC* from 7-9pm.

Safety Net- Domestic violence support, meets each Monday from 6-7:30pm. Please call the *GLCC* for an appointment, (954) 463-9005.

SPIRIT- Meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the *Science of Mind Center* in Wilton manors. This is a group of Lesbians, gay men and friends who come together in a joyful, healthy and nurturing atmosphere to network socially, grow spiritually and better understand issues that affect our community and ourselves. For more information call Ben at (954) 788-0301 or Rev. Steve at (954) 568-5074.

M.A.S.S.- Monday Alternative Social Scene meets every Monday from 6:45-8:30 pm at the *GLCC*. Meetings are followed by dinner at a different restaurant each week and then coffee at *Stork's*. For further information call Jeff Mintzer at (954) 767-8924

Couples Together- Facilitated by Dr. Jay Asher. First and third Monday at 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the *GLCC*, (954) 463-9005.

Dine-A-Round Fundraiser- Everyone is invited for food, friendship and fellowship to benefit *Sunshine Cathedral's* building fund. This dinner group meets every other Monday at 7pm. at a different restaurant. Dinner is \$20 in advance and donation envelopes are provided at the dinner for contributions. RSVP required (954) 462-2004.

Latin-American Information Exchange - 2pm at *CenterOne*, 2817 East Oakland Park Blvd. For information call Priscilla: (954) 537-4111, ext. 116.

CenterOne Therapy Group - Meets at 7pm. at 2817 East Oakland Park Blvd. Call Richard before attending. (954) 537-4111 ext. 130.

Interactive Imagery Group- Meets in the mornings at *CenterOne*. Sign up at the reception desk or for further information call Anna Lynn Schooley (954) 537-4111 ext. 117.

Fort Lauderdale Writers Group- Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. The group welcomes writers to read and to discuss ways to get published. 7pm at *Borders*, 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

Astrology Book Group- Meets the third Monday of each month at *Borders* at 7:30 pm, 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

Society of Creative Anachronism- Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at *Borders*. The group is dedicated to researching and recreating the Middle Ages in the present. 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

TUESDAY

A New Group For Women- This new and free discussion group is a forum for women to discuss topical issues and have fun. This group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the *GLCC*. Hosted by: Writer Karen Dale Wolman, Songwriter Paula Rhodes and *GLCC* Youth Services Coordinator Melanie Joy Cohn. (954) 463-9005.

S.C.A. (Sexual Compulsives Anonymous)- This is a 12-step program for men & women with a desire to work on issues of sexual compulsion. We meet each Tuesday (starting Feb 27, 2001) from 7-8pm at the office of *South Beach AIDS-Project* (located inside the *Fedco* pharmacy), 306 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach, FL. For more information visit www.expage.com/scasouthflorida or call (305) 217-2002.

M4M Toolbox- Men's HIV- support group meets every Tuesday at the *GLCC*, (954) 463-9005.

Gay Skate- At *Gold Coast Roller Rink*, every Tuesday from 8pm-12 midnight. \$5giveaways. 2604 S. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, (954) 523-6783.

Open Mic Night With Charlotte- Bring your own instruments and your friends for a good time every Tuesday night at 9pm at *Partners Café*, 625 E. Dania Beach Blvd., Dania Beach, (954) 921-9893.

Newly Diagnosed Group - Meets at 7pm at *CenterOne*, 2817 East Oakland Park Blvd. For further information call Diana at (954) 537-4111 ext. 404.

Basic Training- *Muscle Beach Gym* offers

this Marines-style workout every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, rain or shine. All levels of fitness are welcome. \$12 per session, or 10 for \$62. 101 N. Ocean Dr., Hollywood. (954) 921-5600.

Small Business Counseling, by SCORE - Tuesdays and Wednesdays (except holidays) from 1 to 4 pm at the *Main Library*, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. To pre-register call (954) 357-7565. Sponsored by *Broward County Library/Bank of America Small Business Resource Center*.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network)- "Working to keep schools SAFE for all youth!" Meets the last Tuesday of every month at the *Floridian Restaurant* 6:30-8:30pm. (954) 463-9005

Coming Out Support Group- Meets every Tuesday at the *GLCC* from 7-9pm. (954) 463-9005

Tuesdays Angels - Meets the first Tuesday of each month for dinner at *Chardees*, 7pm. All proceeds benefit *PWAC*. (954) 463-9005

Men Talk - Discussion group meets every Tuesday at the *GLCC* from 7:45-9:30pm. (954) 463-9005.

SAGE Women Drop-In - 1pm every Tuesday at the *GLCC*. (954) 463-9005. www.sageofbroward.org

Friends Singles Social Group- Meets the second Tuesday of Each month at 7:30 pm at the *GLCC*, (954) 463-9005.

Pride South Florida- Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 7pm at the *GLCC*, (954) 463-9005.

Substance Abuse/HIV Positive- Meets at 6pm at *CenterOne*, 2817 East Oakland Park Blvd. Drop-in, or call Judy at (954) 537-4111 ext.121.

Guys and Dolls- Straight support group at *CenterOne*. Just drop in or call (954)537-4111.

Gold Coast Homeopathic Study Group- Meets every third Tuesday at *Borders* at 7:30 pm Learn different techniques in natural medicine. 7:30pm. 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

Philosophy Book Group- Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm at *Borders*, 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

Open Mic Poetry Night- Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8pm at *Borders*, 2240 East Sunrise Blvd., (954) 566-6335.

WEDNESDAY

Weekly Wine Tasting- Every Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm at *The Best Cellar*, 2424 "A" Wilton Drive. RSVP required: (954) 630-8020.

Transgender Group- Every Wednesday *PRIDELINES* will have a Transgendered group open

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