

## May 2016 Announcements

**May's Dinner** will be at [Firehouse](#) Restaurant on Saturday, May 14th at 5:30 pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at our [website](#).

**May's Meeting** is Saturday, May 14th at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm.

**May Birthdays!** Please say Happy Birthday to Delaney Ol., Brenda Ro., Tina La., Alexis Bl., Rikki Al., Aimee Se., Beth St., and Jane Ai. Happy Birthday!

**Interested in Speaking?** Joanne is organizing a speaker's bureau and providing some training on Sunday, May 15th at 1:00pm in the Dog & Pony Lounge at the Sheraton Harrisburg - Hershey Hotel.

**Hayden's Homecoming Picnic** will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm. See the announcement in the newsletter for the address.

**The LGBT Center** has started offering meet-ups in Lancaster and York for LGBT women, LGBT men, LGBT parents, and LGBT seniors. Each meet-up takes place one Monday each month in Lancaster, and one Wednesday each month in York.



**The Annual 'Transgender Day of Visibility' at the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol on March 31st**

Information can be found at their [site](#). Visitors can also link to a closed Facebook group for the relevant meet-ups they may be interested in connecting with. Contact Louie Marven at (717) 920-9534 if you have any questions about these new programs.

### Is it Really Over?

Can you believe that it's been almost two months since the Keystone Conference ended? Thank you to all who made it GREAT! But, before we close

the door on KC 2016, take a few minutes and give us some feedback.

### [Feedback Please!](#)

**2017 Keystone Conference** dates for the 2017 Keystone Conference are March 22-26th. We will send out an announcement this summer when the rooms at the Sheraton and Red Lion become available at the special Keystone rate. We'll keep the 2016 web-

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WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY



Walk with  
the Center

Saturday, May 21st  
at HACC

LGBT  
center

## Joanne's Jottings

As I write this piece for our next newsletter, it is the afternoon of April 27, 2016, and earlier this morning I conducted Transgender 101 training for all 26 superintendents of the 26 State Correctional Institutions, as well as 3 Deputy Directors of the Department of Corrections (DOC), and other key staff members.

This is a direct result of a new partnership between TransCentralPA and the Department of Corrections as they sought our assistance to help provide support for the roughly 150 trans-identified inmates in their facilities.

The training session this morning is the first part of a three-part effort. The second will be assisting with curriculum development for Correctional In-service Training as well as assisting in the presentations. Finally, we are jointly in the planning stages to provide a virtual support group for those trans-inmates. This will be possible through the creation of a video conference, available to all units within the Commonwealth, at a set time each month. Participants will come from the DOC, as well as any of our several gender therapists, and representatives from TransCentralPA.

They asked if we were considering any type of follow-on, post release programs that could assist in relocations, housing, and job placement. My response was that it was not on our radar, and might be beyond our ability. If any of our members have suggestions as to how we could provide this level of assistance, I would love hear those ideas.

I do not know about you, but this partnership with the DOC is both groundbreaking and exciting.

In a prior column as well as at one of our recent meetings, I acknowledged that I was aware that some of you had a keen interest in speaking out on behalf of our community, and that I was in favor of that, but felt that we all needed to speak from a similar script. To that end, I proposed a special meeting for anyone interested in a TransCentralPA Speakers Bureau that I would conduct a training session during the month of May. That training will take place on Sunday, May 15, the day after our next meeting. We will meet in the back of the Dog and Pony Restaurant at the Sheraton at 1:00 PM and should last for one to one and a half hours.

Finally, Hayden Denton has finally returned to us after his sabbatical in Baltimore and I could not be happier. To celebrate his "homecoming" he has invited us to a picnic and bonfire at his new residence on Saturday, May 21, from 4:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Bring folding chairs, your choice of beverage and some potluck item to share; we will be posting a signup sheet for potluck items on our website. Also, if you have a favorite backyard game, bring it along. The address is 129 Channel Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. Sounds like a fun get-together, let's welcome Hayden home!

I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

*Love and Hugs,  
Joanne*



**Joanne Carroll**  
President

## Calendar of Events

*Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored*

May 8-12	<b>Espirit 2016</b> Port Angeles, WA
May 11	<b>Central PA Gay &amp; Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer</b> Lancaster, PA
May 11-15	<b>Gal's Spring Fling</b> Kingston, ON
<b>May 14</b>	<b>TransCentralPA Dinner Meeting @ the MCC Of The Spirit Social Time @ Sheraton</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>TranscentralPA Speakers Bureau Training @ Dog &amp; Pony Lounge Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA Begins at 1 pm</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Hayden's Homecoming Picnic</b> Carlisle, PA
<b>Jun 11</b>	<b>TransCentralPA Dinner Meeting @ the MCC Of The Spirit Social Time TBD</b>
<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Lancaster Pride Festival</b> Lancaster, PA
Jul 8-10	Sparkle Manchester, UK
<b>Jul 30</b>	<b>Pride Festival of Central PA</b> Harrisburg, PA
Jul-Aug	Camp Aranu'tiq: Harbor Camps, a nonprofit program serving transgender & gender-variant youth & their families.
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Equality Fest</b> York, PA
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>TransCentralPA Dinner Meeting @ the MCC Of The Spirit Social Time @ Stocks on 2nd</b>
Aug 13	Transgender Michigan Pride in the Park

Visit [www.TransCentralPA.org](http://www.TransCentralPA.org) for details & more event info!

**Alder Health Services**

[www.AlderHealth.org](http://www.AlderHealth.org)

## Trans-Headliners

Below are several news stories, blogs, opinions and resources for your reading pleasure. Opinions & views in these links cannot be assumed to be of TransCentralPA, nor the Officers or Members of TransCentralPA. Our goal is to simply provide you with information & thought-provoking viewpoints. If you would like to submit a story, please email us at [info@TransCentralPA.org](mailto:info@TransCentralPA.org)

[This Trans Woman Dared to Be Herself in 1960s America](#)  
[Australian Millionaire Comes Out as Transgender on Television](#)  
[IOC Loosens Guidelines on Transgender Athletes](#)  
[This Trans Man Just Came Out To The World In The Best Way Possible](#)  
['Obamacare Kid' Comes Out As Transgender](#)  
[Another Effort To Discriminate Against Transgender Students Just Failed](#)  
[Transgender bill fails in subcommittee, headed to summer study](#)  
[Disputed health law rule would broaden transgender rights](#)  
[TTop-LGBT-stories-2015](#)  
[Britain's first transgender military pilot](#)  
[Trans-man-sues-montco-supermarket](#)  
[US-marine-found-guilty-killing-transgender-filipino.](#)  
[Philly People of the Year](#)  
[New-group-for-women-trans-femme-cyclists](#)  
[Event-to-benefit-LGBT-photographer-with-cancer](#)  
[Putting-the-pieces-together-new-home-to-help-lgbt-homeless-opens-in-n-philly](#)  
[Gay-scoutmaster-remains-ousted](#)  
[First-openly-gay-montco-judge-inaugurated](#)  
[More-water-work-expected-on-rainbow-crosswalks](#)  
[Mayor-Kenney-appoints-two-lgbts-to-new-posts](#)  
[Since Caitlyn Jenner, Renaming Ceremonies Gain Visibility](#)  
[Kris Jenner Explains How She Dealt With Caitlyn Jenner's Transition](#)  
[State agency: D.A. must certify Morris records](#)  
[Trans woman goes ahead with surgery after court battle](#)  
[In first, White House hires openly trans staffer](#)  
['Glee' star to give 'Unique' Pride show](#)  
[Supreme Court Upholds Key Provision in ACA act for Low-Income Families](#)  
[9 Trans Dads Share What They Love About Fatherhood](#)  
[National pilot program to train doctors in transgender health](#)  
[Doctor first, transgender second: New Pa. physician general makes LGBT history](#)  
[Girl Scouts Raise \\$100,000 in One Day After Dropping Transphobic Donor](#)  
[Transgender Decision Raises Questions of Combat Jobs](#)  
[Democrats Plan To Introduce Sweeping LGBT Rights Bill In Congress This Week](#)  
[Louisville specialist helps transgender people with key part of transition — their voices](#)  
[Why we still need statewide protections from discrimination](#)  
[Equality PA Hires Trans-Rights Organizer](#)  
[Pentagon Weighs Allowing Transgender Troops to Serve Openly](#)  
[Transgender Rights-Mara Keisling talks on CSPAN](#)  
[State of CA and Transgender Law Center reach historic settlement over trans prisoner health care](#)  
[Gender-Neutral Bathrooms: \(Hopefully\) Coming Soon to a City Near You](#)

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on Facebook

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site up for a while longer if you wish to contact any of our sponsors, presenters or vendors.

### **Post Your Keystone Photos**

We've set up a new Facebook Group on Keystone to allow you to post your photos. Don't forget to share your experiences there as well!

### **TCPA Membership Dues**

Dues are a onetime annual fee of \$20. Spouses or SOs are \$10 for the year. Dues are used to pay for meeting space, program literature, our website and our affiliation with and support of community groups and activities such as Common Roads, the Community Center, Central Pennsylvania Pride, etc. Please continue to support our organization and efforts by joining or renewing your membership—we are making a difference!

### **Keystone Conference on Facebook**

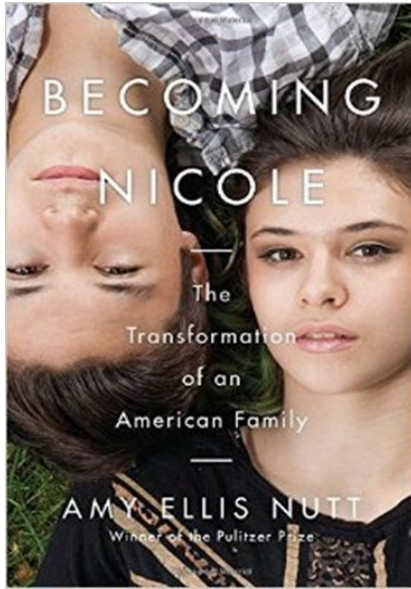
### **Red Roof Inn Discount**

We have negotiated a rate of \$42.99/night for 2015 for both TransCentralPA members and guests. To take advantage of this special offer, call the hotel directly at (717) 939-1331 and use the rate code "TCPA". Ask for details. They are also offering a special price for their Business King suites.

### **Have an Announcement?**

E-mail us at [info@TransCentralPA.org](mailto:info@TransCentralPA.org)





## Look for It

Lionsgate and Silver Pictures Television have set a script deal titled “New People” at Freeform (formerly ABC Family) and award-winning feature film writer/director Don Roos (“The Opposite of Sex”) has come aboard to write and executive produce. The series is inspired by the acclaimed New York Times bestselling novel *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutt. Joel Silver and Rodney Ferrell will executive produce through Silver’s shingle and Lionsgate Television, where Silver has a first-look deal. Ferrell oversees the television division of Silver Pictures.

The series and novel are inspired by on the true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother and their ordinary family’s extraordinary journey to celebrate the uniqueness in all of us.

The book was named one of the 10 best books of 2015 by news outlets including *People* and *Men’s Journal* magazines and earned critical praise from the New York Times, Washington Post, Time Magazine and Publishers Weekly.

*If you are interested in a signed copy of ‘Becoming Nicole’ by the author Amy Nutt, TransCentralPA has only a few copies left. Cost is \$30 (includes shipping). Please send us an email at [info@transcentralpa.org](mailto:info@transcentralpa.org) if you are interested.*



## Hayden’s Homecoming Picnic

**Saturday, May 21  
4:30 pm —10:30 pm**

**129 Channel Dr.  
Carlisle, PA. 17013**

Join us for some fun and an enjoyable afternoon and evening at Hayden Denton’s Homecoming Picnic and Bonfire Saturday May 21. Picnic begins at 4:30 pm and Bonfire gets extinguished at 10:30 pm.

Bring folding chairs, favorite backyard game, choice of beverage and a potluck to share with everyone. Check sign up sheet on the Website.

## Scholarships Available for Fantasia Fair 2016

The Fantasia Fair Planning Committee will be awarding scholarships to the 42nd annual Fantasia Fair, to be held October 16 - 23 in historic Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Individuals receiving full scholarships will receive free tuition to the conference, including all seminars, workshops, banquets & events, daily lunches/brunches, and shared room accommodations for seven nights. The scholarships are open to all individuals who demonstrate financial need. Applications, which are available to download from [www.fantasiafair.org](http://www.fantasiafair.org), must be submitted by July 15.



## TRUTH, RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR LIVES TRANSITIONS

*Transgender Support Group for Spouses, Significant Others and Family*

<http://www.SignificantOtherPA.org>

contact us at: [info@significantotherpa.org](mailto:info@significantotherpa.org)





## PRIDE FESTIVAL OF CENTRAL PA

### Pride Festival of Central PA

Saturday, July 30th, 2016  
Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA

*\$10 entry fee, 12 and under are free*

The Mission Statement of the Pride Festival of Central PA is: To increase positive visibility of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community of Central Pennsylvania by providing opportunities to express and celebrate diverse perspectives, emphasizing acceptance of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



### LANCASTER PRIDE 2016

Sunday, June 19, 2016  
12:00-6:00 pm  
Binns Park, Lancaster, PA

*\$5 entry fee (children under 12 free)*

Lancaster's 10th Pride Festival & Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 19th, 2016 at Binns Park, N Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603, from 12 noon until 6 PM. This outdoor festival will feature an array of talented entertainment, varied vendor offerings from arts and crafts to Pride regalia, and a full menu of food offerings. Pride celebrates the lives of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning folks as well as their Allies. Please come and share in our celebration of pride and diversity.



### York Equality Fest

Sunday, August 7th  
12:00p—6:00p  
Penn Park, York, PA

Equality Fest is an annual, day long, family friendly, community, arts and cultural celebration held in downtown York City inspired by the historic passage of marriage equality. The event actively celebrates the full inclusion of ALL wonderfully diverse citizens in ALL aspects of civic life - regardless of race, ethnicity, culture of origin, age, gender, gender expression, mental or physical ability, social status, economic status or sexual orientation. This event is FREE and open to the public and intended to produce a full day which fosters connections, awareness and activism within the beautifully diverse citizenship of southcentral PA.

## Did You Know The Navajos Honor Four Genders?

America has been pretty up-tight when it comes to gender roles for a long time, now, but that wasn't always the case. The Navajo have long recognized four different gender identities, rather than two, and those who don't fall into traditional, puritanical Eurocentric notions of gender identity are revered, rather than ostracized, or even killed, as was the case of Fred Martinez, the "youngest victim of a hate crime ever," and the subject of the 2009 PBS documentary "Two Spirits."

"The masculine and feminine are oftentimes reflected so completely in the body of one person, it's as if they have two spirits," Two-Spirit organizer Richard LaFortune said. The documentary draws attention to what the Navajo call "nádleehí," which is the confluence of the masculine and feminine within each person, sometimes resulting in what many consider "two-spirited" people – those born with one biological sex but who identify with another gender identity. Fred Martinez was nádleehí, born male but who identified as female. As "Two Spirits" points out in its opening, "In another time, [Martinez] would have been honored. Instead, he was murdered..." in 2001, at the age of 16 – all due to his two-spirited nature and gender identity.

Navajo scholar included in the documentary, Wesley Thomas, states, "In Navajo teaching, in the old traditional world, there were four basic genders. Women are the first gender, because Navajo is a matrilineal society. Men are the second gender; and the third gender is the nádleehí, who is born as a male person but functions in the role of a girl in early childhood and in the role of a woman in adulthood. And it's just the opposite for the fourth gender," Thomas adds, "where they were born biologically female but functioned in the role of a boy in early childhood and matured into a man, and conducts their life in that gender identity."

"In Western culture, when they say 'a girl,' there's an automatic assumption that that girl is female. Or when they see a boy, they never pause to think that boy may be female," Thomas points out.

Mainstream America would like clear-cut illusions maintained, complete with missing genitalia to keep us all from thinking of those "naughty" parts – otherwise, as Martinez found out, they may just make you pay with your life – proving once again just how much mainstream America can still learn from Indigenous peoples.

# Target Strikes Back at North Carolina Bathroom Law

By Lucas Grindley  
April 20 2016



Target is taking a stand against North Carolina's transphobic bathroom bill, saying its customers and employees can use the bathroom that matches their gender identity.

The company announced the policy on its corporate website today, saying, "Inclusivity is a core belief at Target. It's something we celebrate."

The department store chain even proclaimed its support for the Equality Act that is proposed in Congress.

"We believe that everyone — every team member, every guest, and every community — deserves to be protected from discrimination, and treated equally," the company said in its statement. "Consistent with this belief, Target supports the federal Equality Act, which provides protections to LGBT individuals, and opposes action that enables discrimination."

The bill would revise the 1964 Civil Rights Act to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, making it illegal to discriminate in hiring, housing, and more. The Equality Act is supported by President Obama and the two Democrats running to replace him, but it is stalled in a Republican-led Congress.

It's the polar opposite of what North Carolina lawmakers passed in House Bill 2, which banned local governments from including sexual orientation and gender identity in their anti-discrimination ordinances. The law also specifically targeted transgender people, who it requires to use the public bathroom and locker room facilities that don't match their gender identity.

Obviously, Target's bathrooms aren't the kind of "public" bathrooms that the law takes aim at — the law applies only to government buildings, not the private sector but the statement is still seen as a rebuke of lawmakers.

Target has come a long way from the days when LGBT activists had threatened a boycott of the company in 2010. The Human Rights Campaign had once even dropped the chain from its annual buyer's guide. That's when Target's political donations ended up supporting an antigay candidate for governor in Minnesota, where it's based.

Now Target not only sells products that celebrate LGBT people and touts the launch of a gender-neutral kids' collection, it's speaking out in defense of LGBT people in the political sphere.

"We regularly assess issues and consider many factors such as impact to our business, guests and team members," the company explained about why it's speaking out. "Given the specific questions these legislative proposals raised about how we manage our fitting rooms and restrooms, we felt it was important to state our position. Everyone deserves to feel like they belong. And you'll always be accepted, respected and welcomed at Target."



Central Pennsylvania  
Gay and Lesbian  
Chamber of Commerce



**Business  
Networking Mixer**  
Wednesday, May 11  
6:00-8:00 pm  
J.A. Sharp Jeweler  
322 N Queen St  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Members: Free  
Prospective Member: \$10  
Bring your business cards and  
30 second elevator speech.  
Business dress requested.

[Register Here](#)

