



# Lavender Notes

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

ΗΑΠΠΗΨ  
ΣΑΛΕΝΤΙΝΕΣ ΔΑΨ

February 9 6:30PM STEERING COMMITTEE meets at Harry's Hof Brau at 14th and Hesperian, San Leandro. All Welcome.

February 13 Saturday - 12 Noon MONTHLY MEETING

Rev. Lee Williamson  
United Methodist Church

Meeting at  
San Leandro Community Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro

If your name begins with the letters

A through H	- Bring a Main dish
I through P	- Bring a Salad
Q through Z	- Bring a Dessert

San Leandro BART station shuttle is available.  
Call voice mail: 247-2406 to arrange pickup.

Second Sunday - 5:30 - 8:30 PM - FELLOWS of EAST BAY

Social Club for mature men and their admirers. Monthly potluck dinner and social meets at the Parish Hall, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 1823 9th St. Berkeley. Bring \$3.00 door charge and food or drink to share.

WOMEN OVER FIFTY AND FRIENDS

WOFF, a social club for lesbians, has an active social schedule. Monthly potluck/planning meeting meet first Saturday each month at 6 PM. For more information, contact Barbara Konecny or Barbara Jue, 508 Broadmore, San Leandro, 510-633-0398.



Dear Lavenders:

Our beloved editor is peripatetically inclined once again, so while we wait for his return later this month we will use this format - Best Regards, Dotty FLASH! - Lavender Seniors received a much appreciated contribution of \$500.00 from the Royal Grand Ducal Council of Alameda County. Many thanks to Don Silva(Mama Portugal) and Bill Baillie for helping to make this possible. This contribution arrived at just the right moment and will help to pay for Lavender Seniors non-profit status which will in turn enable us to receive much-sought-after tax deductible contributions.

REMINDER! - Let Peggy know about any Lavenders who may be ill or enduring surgery, accidents etc. You may recall that she has volunteered to send the cards which our group donated. You can reach her at 510-632-6292. Thanks.

JANUARY PRESENTER - Shannon Minter, Esq. from the National Center for Lesbian Rights addressed the Jan. meeting. She gave us a run-down of news on what's happening with gay marriage rights, employment discrimination and aging issues. The situation in Hawaii with regard to marriage no longer looks good while ballot initiative backlash exacts its toll there. Our legal eagles think the state of Vermont offers more promise at this time. Discrimination against lesbians and gays still exists in most states - only 10 states have non-discrimination laws on their books. Clinton did, however, issue an executive order protecting gay federal employees but the situation in the military has gone from bad to worse. Minter stated that the more the gay marriage proposal seems to threaten the country-at-large the more domestic partner recognition becomes popularly accepted. She also said that representatives of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force attended the first-ever White House Conference on social security and will be issuing a report called "Outing Age, a Working Paper on Policy Issues Facing Old Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People" in 1999. We'll try to locate copies of it when it comes out. Also, watch for the NCLR benefit which takes place every year around May 15 - it's usually a blast! FEBRUARY MEETING - Presenter will be Lee Williamson, 60 years old and pastor of the Wesley United Methodist Church. He is one of the 95 Northern California Methodist pastors who blessed the much-publicized union of 2 lesbians in Sacramento recently - Jeanne Burnett and Ellie Charlton (both in their sixties). In urging gays to come out of the closet, Charlton is quoted as saying, "The sun shines out here, we have received more love than you can ever imagine."