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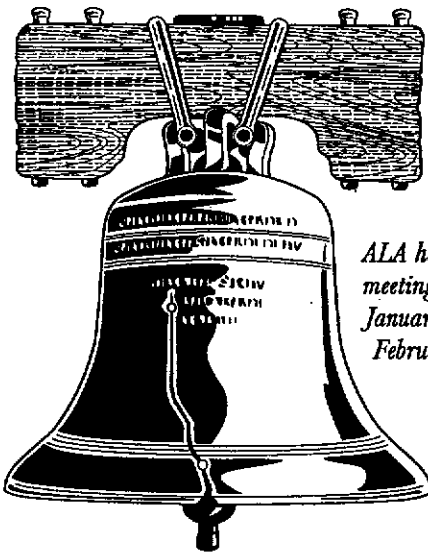
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*ALA holds Midwinter
meeting in Philadelphia,
January 29 through
February 2, 1999.*

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FTFers share duties of coordinator

Adriene Lim and Rosemary McAndrew are FTF Co-Coordiators this year. The two will alternate duties presiding at FTF meetings. At Midwinter, McAndrew will preside. Lim is also the new Web Mistress, taking over from Jill Holman. McAndrew will handle most scheduling duties.

The Feminist Task Force has meetings scheduled on January 30 and 31 and February 1. Please see page 2 for details.

Nestle's A Fragile Union nominated for 1999 GLBTF Book Award

A Fragile Union: New & Selected Writings, by Joan Nestle, has been nominated for the 1999 American Library Association Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award. The GLB Task Force will select the winner of this award during the midwinter conference. *Union* is one of 46 nonfiction titles nominated for the award; 27 fiction titles were also nominated.

Well-known to Feminist Task Force members, Nestle co-founded the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York. In her new book, published by Cleis Press, she explores the "fragile unions" of contemporary lesbian life, both personal and historic. She writes about women, lesbians and gay men, workers, and all who struggle against injustice.

Adrienne Rich says of *A Fragile Union*, "Joan Nestle's work has always embodied a very large vision. This vibrant new collection burns with the generosity and courage of her spirit, the beauty of her writing— on both pleasure and pain— and the distinction of her critical intelligence. On the eve of the 21st century, *A Fragile Union* is a powerful, tensile span between past and future."

Nestle won the Gay/Lesbian Book Award in 1988 for *A Restricted Country*. She received the award jointly with Randy Shilts, who won for *And the Band Played On*.

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force will announce the winner at the ALA Annual Conference in June 1999. The first and most enduring award for lesbigay books, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award was first given to Isabel Miller's *Patience and Sarah* in 1971. Since then, thirty-eight books have been honored for "exceptional merit relating to the gay/lesbian/bisexual experience."

Originally known as the Gay Book Award, grassroots acknowledgment honoring hallmark works in lesbigay publishing, (as it was originally known) became an official American Library Association award in 1986.

1999 American Library Association Midwinter Schedule

SAT 1/30

8-9:30a SRRT All Taskforce Meeting, PCC 113-A

Feminist Task Force

9:30a-12:30p SRRT Action Council I, PCC 113-A

2-4p GLBTF 2000 Planning Committee, LAT Bd. Rm.

2-4p GLBTF Book Awards Committee, MAR 309

6-8p GLBTF Social, WWay

SUN 1/31

8:30-11a GLBTF Book Awards Committee, WYN Seminar B

9:30-11:00a **Feminist Task Force** Program Planning Meeting for ANNUAL 2000,
DT-Symphony BR

2-4p **Feminist Task Force** Program Planning/Breakfast Planning Meeting, CLAR Bentwood

6-8p GLBTF Read Aloud, MAR 310

MON 2/1

8-9a **Feminist Task Force**, PCC-#304

2-4:30p SRRT Action Council II, PCC 204-B

Key: CLAR Clarion Suites
DT Doubletree
LAT Latham Hotel
MAR Marriott
PCC Philadelphia Convention Center
WYN Wyndham Franklin Plaza
WWay William Way Center



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Meetings for FTF Members

January 30, Saturday

8-9:30a **Feminist Task Force**, PCC 113-A
 9:30a-12:30p SRRT Action Council I,
 PCC 113-A

February 1, Monday

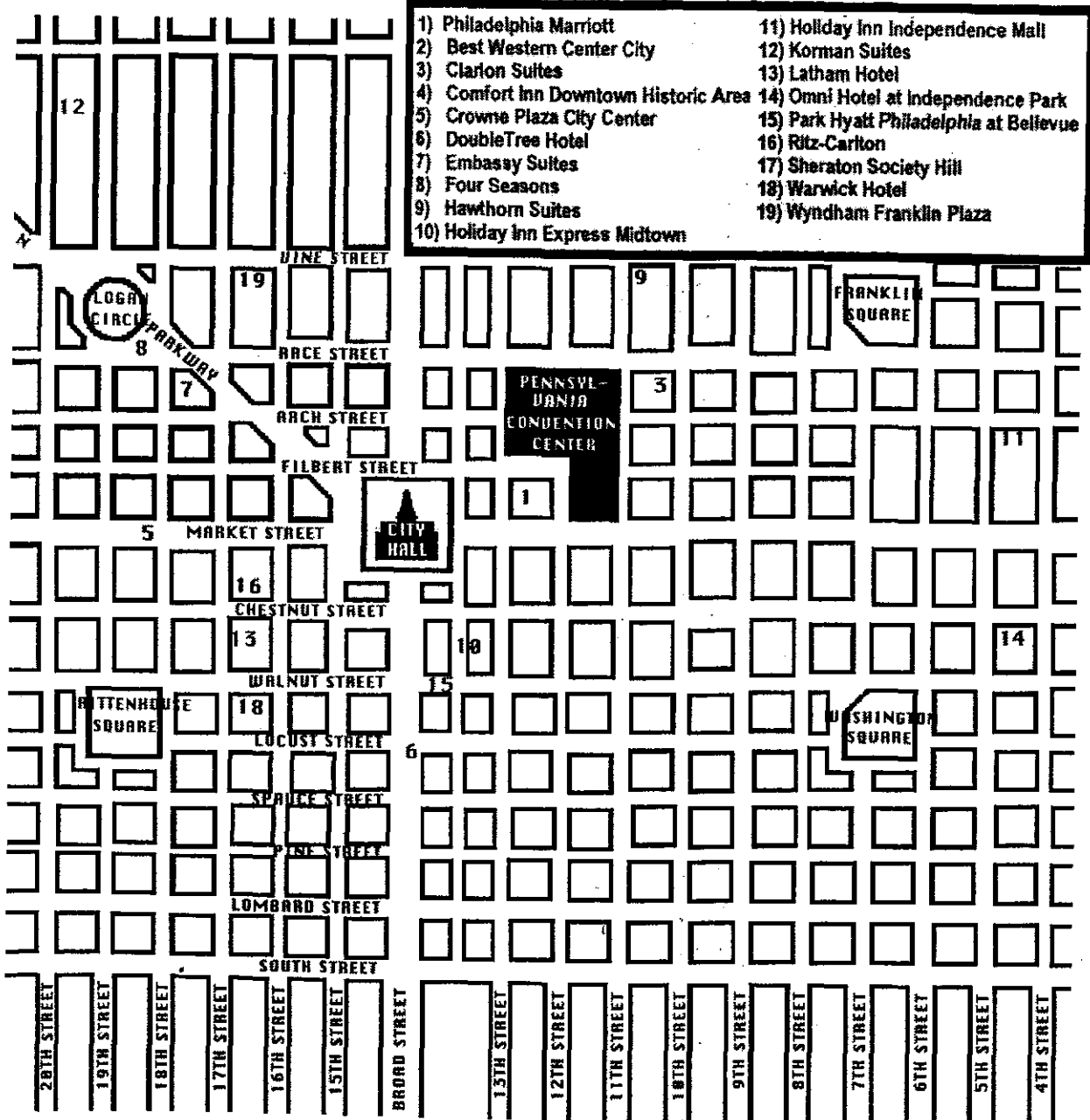
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 2-4:30p SRRT Action Council II, PCC 204-B

January 31, Sunday

9:30-11:00a **Feminist Task Force**
 Program Planning Meeting for ANNUAL
 2000, Doubletree-Symphony BR (# 6)
 2-4p **Feminist Task Force** Program
 Planning/Breakfast Planning Meeting,
 Clarion Suites Bentwood (# 3)

Note: PCC=Philadelphia Convention Center

Philadelphia Hotel Guide



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*FTF goes to Philadelphia!
See inside for map and
meeting calendar.*



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