



News and Views

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Sunday August 22nd, 2004
Annual PFLAG PICNIC
3:00 p.m. until dusk
Sealander Park
End the of 6500 South

Sealander Park has been reserved again for the 2004 PFLAG picnic beginning at 3 p.m. We always have a wonderful time and great fellowship at the annual PFLAG picnic. We have many door prizes! Take exit 113 on I-15 and follow the pink triangles to the park. See the attached map. Call 208-521-7169 if you need further directions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following programs and refreshments are either taken care of or need volunteers. Please do your share!! Sign up at the next meeting or contact a board member.

Month	Program	Refreshments
Apr	Support for Theron	Finger food Potluck
May	Gay Marriage	Mike & John
June	Interview on QTV	Wayne & Cherie
July	Gay Movie Night	Popcorn provided
Aug	Annual Picnic — Potluck (beverages provided)	

July Meeting

Thirteen people attended the July gay movie night and watched "Big Eden," a great story about two gay men in a small town near Glacier park in Montana.

PRIDAHO 2004 WILL BE HELD AUGUST 21ST IN POCATELLO!

This is the fourth Pridaho event to be held in Pocatello. Pridaho starts at 1 p.m., at the parking lot across the street from Charleys and lasts until midnight. For a complete event list visit the Pridaho web page at www.pridaho.org. Our PFLAG Chapter will again have a Booth at the Pridaho event. Come enjoy good company and visit our PFLAG booth.

Support Network.

Jim and Henrietta 522-3228
Bill and Ann F. 529-0919

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PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS
Next meeting to be Aug. 27th 7 p.m.
at the Community Resource Center

We need input from the PFLAG youth and others to help increase outreach regarding the PFLAG Youth Group.

meetings are also needed.
Please contact a board member to volunteer.

JULY SUPPORT DINNER FOR THERON McGRIFF RAISED OVER \$3500

The July dinner was a barbeque hosted by Dino Lowry and over \$3500 was raised! Thanks Dino and Steve for being such a wonderful support for Theron.

The Idaho Supreme Court heard oral arguments on May 3, 2004, but it will be up to six months before the Court will make its ruling. Theron's legal bills are very high. He needs any help we can provide. If you can not attend a support dinner you can send a check to Theron McGriff at 2820 St Charles Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404. Please make checks payable to Theron's Legal Fund, not to PFLAG, as this is NOT a tax deductible donation.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends, through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

OUR PFLAG CHAPTER HAS RECEIVED A \$1000 GRANT FROM BECHTEL BWXT IDAHO, LLC.

Thanks to the grant application Theron McGriff completed, our PFLAG Chapter has been awarded a grant for \$1000. The grant was given to help reach those in the Idaho Falls and surrounding communities in need of support. This grant will make it possible for re-activation of the www.ifpflag.org web site. A professional organization has been contracted to build and

next month. Other outreach activities will also be funded from the grant.

NATIONAL PFLAG CONFERENCE TO BE IN SALT LAKE CITY, UT OCT. 22-24, 2004....Gary & Millie Watts, and Frank and Lynne Keil

“As co-chairs of the host committee for the 2004 National PFLAG Conference we are writing to ask you for your support. The 2004 PFLAG National Conference is scheduled for Salt Lake City, October 21- 24th this year at the Little America Hotel. We’ve done everything we can to keep tuition costs down but they are still not inexpensive: \$225/person or \$425/couple. This rate, however, does include all meals. (See below) Room rates (recently reduced-see below) are \$79/night in the Court side rooms (Note--this is a recently reduced rate) and \$109/night in the tower....The conference will open Friday morning and continue through Sunday concluding at 1:00 p.m. Featured speakers and guests already include Bishop Gene Robinson, Barney Frank, Tammy Baldwin, Simon LeVay, Evan Wolfson, Mathilde Krim, Frank Kameny, Kate Kendall, Rocky Anderson and Paul Smith. Invitations have or are being extended to Senator Gordon Smith, Dick and Nancy Gephardt (PFLAG members), San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and others....We have attended previous national PFLAG Conferences and the feelings extended to us of love, concern, and friendship by other parents in attendance has been touching, overwhelming, and healing. It’s traditional to laugh, cry, sing, and eat together. Now it’s our turn to show those attending the conference from all over the country how great the Family Fellowship and PFLAG members are in this area. Please come and be a part of this great event....We’ve promised national PFLAG at least 300 registrants from the Mountain West region. The following are some of the sessions scheduled:

- Legal Rights and Protections
- Family Matters: GLBT Parenting
- Science Session: The Biology of Sexuality and the Dangers of “Reparative Therapy”
- Moving Faith Communities Toward a More Inclusive Stance

Go to www.pflag.org for additional information and on-line registration.

JOIN US!

Start planning and saving now as this PFLAG National Conference is within easy driving distance from Idaho Falls.

Lower hotel rates for the PFLAG conference are still in effect. Court side rooms are \$79, \$99 for Garden rooms, and \$109 for rooms in the Tower.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“What you don’t do can be a destructive force.”

....Eleanor Roosevelt, 1962

SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE BOARD

(The next meeting will be on Wednesday Sept 15th at 7:00 p.m., at Wayne & Cherie’s)

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Nick, Jim, R. Kay, Wayne and Cherie met on Aug 11th at Wayne & Cherie’s. The meeting agenda included:

Youth Group outreach

The website for our Chapter

PFLAG National Convention in Salt Lake City in October

Chapter meetings

Breaking Boundaries 3

Future programs

Finances & the \$1000 grant from Bechtel BWXT Idaho

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RULED LEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE....Aug 5, 2004, Seattle Times

“Washington state’s Defense of Marriage Act, which limits marriage to one man and one woman, violates the state Constitution, King County Superior Court Judge William Downing ruled today. Citing the rationale of state Supreme Courts in Massachusetts and Vermont, Downing wrote, “The Court concludes that the exclusion of same-sex partners from civil marriage and the privileges attendant thereto is not rationally related to any legitimate or compelling state interest and is certainly not narrowly tailored toward such an interest.” The suit was filed by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women’s Law Center on behalf of eight same-sex couples denied marriage licenses in King County. The case was the first of its kind to be filed in Washington since Massachusetts’ high court ruled in favor of same-sex couples marriage, and its outcome will have legal and political impact beyond this state. Gay couples have been able to wed in Massachusetts since May. The Washington suit contends that this state’s law, passed by the Legislature in 1998, violates the state and federal constitutions’ guarantees of equality for all citizens....A second lawsuit, this one against the state, was filed in April by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 11 same-sex couples. Eventually that case and the King County suit will go to the state supreme Court.”

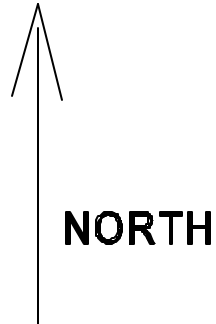
TREVOR PROJECT INCLUDES SUICIDE HOTLINE

The Trevor Project is a nonprofit organization that promotes tolerance for LGBT and questioning teenagers and aids in suicide prevention among that group. More information on the Trevor Project can be found at www.TheTrevorProject.org. The Trevor Helpline (1-866 4u-trevor) or 1-866-4-887-3867) (*editor’s note-- I dialed this number with the extra digit, and it works*) is the only national 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention hot line aimed at gay and questioning youth. The Trevor Helpline is geared toward helping those in crisis, or those wanting information on how to help someone in crisis. The Trevor

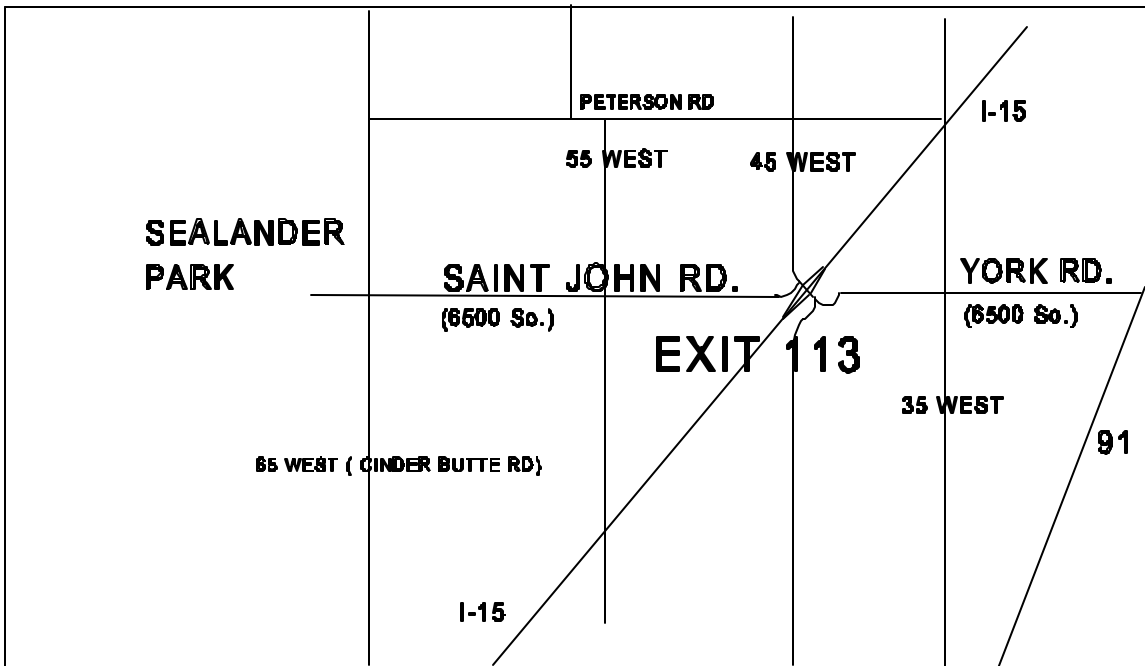
Helpline calls are handled by highly trained counselors and are free and confidential.

REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE

**Here is the map to the Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG summer picnic at Sealand Park.
Picnic starts at 3 p. m. on Sunday August 22nd**



MAP TO PFLAG PICNIC



To Idaho Falls

From Pocatello