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News and Views

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SUNDAY AUGUST 19, 2007

ANNUAL PFLAG PICNIC

AT SEALANDER PARK

STARTING AT 3:30 P.M.

ANNUAL EASTERN IDAHO PFLAG PICNIC TO BE SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH 2007

Mark Sunday August 19th on your calendars for the PFLAG potluck picnic. It will be at Sealander Park as it has been in the past. Bring your friends, your favorite back yard games and a potluck dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Sealander Park is at the end of 6500 South, 2 1/4 miles west of I-15 exit 113. From exit 113 you can follow the pink triangles to the park. A map is attached.

PRIDAHO SET FOR AUGUST 17, 18 & 19

PrIdaho will again be held in Pocatello, Idaho starting Friday August 17th with a 10 PM Neon Party at Club Charleys in Pocatello. On Saturday August 18th from 12 to 6 PM the main Pride Celebration will be held at lower Ross Park at the band shell area. There will be many family oriented events, performances and speakers including nationally known comedians, mock game shows, out of town and local drag performances and more! On Sunday a picnic at Ross Park is planned. For more information you can call (208)233-PRIDE(7743) or visit the PrIdaho web

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WEBSITE FOR OUR PFLAG CHAPTER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO IFPFLAG.COM

Due to problems with the host and the owner of the original domain name we changed to a new host and changed our domain name to www.ifpflag.com We now own our domain name, unlike before, so problems with the site going down without warning should be eliminated. The owner of our old .org site apparently sold it to a company who is selling flags.

SHOULD WE CHANGE DATE FOR OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS?

Attendance at our Chapter meetings has been down and at the last meeting a suggestion was made to change our meeting dates from the fourth Sunday of every month to the first Sunday. Meetings currently conflict with holidays a number of times during the year. We want to revitalize attendance and participation so are evaluating a change in the meeting date. We will discuss this proposal at the picnic and hopefully we can make a change that will work for as many people as possible.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING PFLAG CHAPTER.

The Jackson Wyoming PFLAG Chapter meets monthly on the third Monday evening at St. John's House, which is part of St. John's Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Glenwood. You are welcome to be in touch if you have questions. The meeting runs from 7 -8:30 PM.

Jackson PFLAG, Mark Houser, P.O. Box 2683, Jackson, WY 83001. Phone 307-733-8349 or e-mail at:

JacksonPFLAG@yahoo.com

Jackson website www.jacksonPFLAG.com

HIV / AIDS SUPPORT GROUP STARTING UP AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

A new support group for people living with HIV / AIDS is being started in Idaho Falls. Meetings will be held every Monday evening starting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Unitarian Church in Idaho Falls. The address for the church is 555 E Street, Idaho Falls, 83402. For more information you can call the church office at 522-8269.

IT IS CHAPTER DUES TIME AGAIN!

The annual dues for our Chapter are \$25 and includes \$15 for membership in the National PFLAG organization. You will be able to pay dues for the coming year at the picnic. Dues scholarships are available for anyone living on a limited budget but would still like to be included as a member of PFLAG.

NEW MEXICO GAYS CAN MARRY IN MASSACHUSETTS....Advocate.com, July 26, 2007

Following up on a March 2006 court ruling, Massachusetts officials announced last week that New Mexico same-sex couples who want to marry in Massachusetts may legally do so. Following up on a March 2006 court ruling, Massachusetts officials announced last week that New Mexico same-sex couples who want to marry in Massachusetts may legally do so. New Mexico is one of very few states that do not explicitly limit marriage to opposite-sex. (The others are Rhode Island, New York before July 6, 2006, and of course, Massachusetts itself). Massachusetts began marrying same-sex couples in 2004, triggering hope among couples elsewhere—and a nationwide tsunami of prohibitory legislation. Then-governor Mitt Romney forbade city and town clerks to let out-of-staters wed, a prohibition some clerks defied. In March 2006 the state's highest court ruled that same-sex couples who live in any other state would not be allowed to marry in Massachusetts if their own state prohibited same-sex marriage, unless they indicated an intent to live in Massachusetts after marrying. Subsequent rulings upheld marriage rights for gay Rhode Islanders and for gay New Yorkers who'd wed before a New York appeals court's July 6, 2006, crackdown. On July 18, in a further clarification, the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics issued notice to the state's city and town clerks that same-sex couples from New Mexico may apply for marriage licenses. Equality New Mexico applauded the move.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons, and 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.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

**IF YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG
PFLAG NEEDS YOU!.**

NATIONAL PFLAG CONFERENCE SET FOR OCTOBER 11-14, 2007 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The theme for this conference is "Family Voices Moving Equality Forward." For complete information about the conference, or to register to attend, go to www.pflag.org The conference will include more than 50 dynamic workshops and training sessions—Discover the best practices to grow your membership, involve more volunteers, recharge your work, learn about new issues and strategies, and expand your horizons with sessions presented by experts in their fields! The conference will be held at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner Hotel. Special conference rates will beat any hotel rate in the Washington, D.C. area. Be there for all the action by staying on-site at the official Convention hotel for only \$109 per night whether single, double, triple or quad room, plus tax. Free parking is included. Take advantage of this discount rate!

POCATELLO PFLAG MEETING SEPT. 9, 2007

The Pocatello PFLAG Chapter meetings have been changed to the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 9th at 5:00 PM. Please bring a potluck dish to share. The potluck starts at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6 p.m. For more information call Tonya at 604-2245.

SEATTLE'S PRIDE FOUNDATION WILL BE GIVING \$7500 TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR AREA. HELP OUR PFLAG CHAPTER.

Seattle's PRIDE Foundation has launched their *Raffle With a Twist* and will be giving away \$7,500 to nonprofit organizations in their region! (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington).

PRIDE will be awarding a grand prize of \$2,500 to one randomly-drawn organization, and \$1,000 each to the top-named organizations in their funding states (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington). Names will be drawn on Friday, September 14, 2007

Here is how you can increase the odds of our PFLAG Chapter winning. Over the summer, you can go to PRIDE's website to enter the raffle (it's free), naming Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG to win one of the prizes.

So, the more times our chapter is named, the more likely it is that we will win one of these prizes. Be SPECIFIC about our name (e.g., Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG in Idaho Falls.) You can use the link below to enter the "raffle" :

<http://www.pridefoundation.org/raffle/rafflemain.html>

MAP TO PFLAG PICNIC ON SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH
STARTING AT 3:30 PM

STAR ON MAP IS LOCATION OF THE PICNIC AT SEALANDER PARK
FROM EXIT 113 ON I-15 FOLLOW PINK TRIANGLES TO PARK