



# News and Views

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**Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
**Unitarian Church**  
**555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

The July meeting will be gay movie night hosted by Peter and Dylan. Popcorn & soda pop will be served!

## 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
Feb	John Schroeder	Mike & John
Mar	Video	Jim & Sharon
Apr	Support for Theron	Finger food Potluck
May	Gay Marriage	Mike & John
June	Interview on QTV	Wayne & Cherie
July	Gay Movie Night	Popcorn provided

## June Meeting

Sixteen people attended the June meeting. We watched a video copy of an April 2004 interview by Dallas Chase, a staff reporter for the Diversity newspaper, with Theron McGriff. The interview was recorded by, and shown on, QTV in Boise. A group discussion followed.

## THIS YEAR'S PFLAG PICNIC IS AUGUST 22nd!

Sealanders 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. Mark Sunday, August 22, 2004 on your calendars and plan on attending! A map will be provided in the August newsletter.

**PRIDAHO 2004 WILL BE HELD AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> IN**

## Support Network.

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

## Board Members & PFLAG Volunteers

President	Cherie Stevens
Vice-President/Secretary	Jon
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Support	Hank
Religious Liaison	Lee Griener

**PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS**  
Next meeting to be July. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**s t o s t a f f Y o u t h G r o u p**  
**m e e t i n g s a r e a l s o n e e d e d .**

Please contact a board member to volunteer.

## NEXT SUPPORT DINNER FOR THERON McGRIFF WILL BE JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

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 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. The July dinner will be a barbeque hosted by Dino Lowry. See the following invitation:

"We are hosting a fund-raiser for Theron McGriff on Friday, July 23rd.

Where: 169 6th Street (across from the city pool parking lot)  
 Time: Happy hour @ 6:30; Dinner @ 7:00-ish

We will provide BBQ salmon and tri-tip, plus potato salad galore.

Please bring a side dish, lawn chair, and a beverage of your choice. If you can't make the party, please feel pleasantly coerced into sending along a contribution (make it out to Theron's Legal Fund), and mail it to our address. We are hoping to have the biggest, best, party to date. RSVP if you can make the party so we know how much food to purchase (our phone number is 523-8742, and we have an answering machine, so please let us know if you are coming)."

## 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

More information will be provided in the Aug. Newsletter.

discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

**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- 24<sup>th</sup> 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 are \$114/night in the Garden rooms and \$129/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 early bird registration of \$225 is good until July 1st. 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](http://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.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”**

**....Dr. Seuss**

**\_SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE BOARD**

(The next meeting will be on Wednesday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at Wayne & Cherie’s)

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Theron, Nick, Jim, Sharon, Kirk, Kathee, Peter, R. Kay, Wayne and Cherie met on July 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Festival of Trees

Chapter meetings

Breaking Boundaries 3

Future programs

Finances

**REPUBLICAN SENATE LEADERSHIP FAILS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGE BAN**

**Washington, D.C. - July 14, 2004** - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), our country's premier family grassroots organization, congratulates the Senate for their opposition to the Federal Marriage Amendment. "We hope this affirms that the future truly lies in a commitment to basic fairness," said Ron Schlittler, PFLAG's Executive Director. "These Republican leaders, who invested their political capital in blatant inequality and election year maneuvering, were met with bi-partisan resistance to block a vote on this discriminatory amendment." "The parents, families and friends of gay and lesbian families also know that this fight is far from finished," said Perry Norton, PFLAG dad and father of Heidi Norton, one of the litigants in the Massachusetts marriage case. "We stand ready to defend our children and grandchildren from future attempts to pass such shameful laws state-by-state." Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons. Founded in 1973 by mothers and fathers, PFLAG has 250,000 members and supporters in over 500 chapters throughout the United States.

**DEAR ABBY SUPPORTS PFLAG IN A RECENT COLUMN!**

When a mom wrote Dear Abby for help because her daughter had come out as lesbian, Dear Abby responded by telling her “to contact PFLAG. I have mentioned this organization many time before in my column. It offers support groups, educational outreach and more to families and friends of gay, lesbian, intersexual and transgendered family members. The Web site is [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) and the telephone number is 202-467-8180. Please don’t wait to contact them. They will welcome you with open arms.”

**REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE**