



Parents, Families and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays

News and Views

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SUNDAY July 22nd, 2007
YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.
CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls

We are planning a movie night, with popcorn, etc. after a short business meeting. Come, bring a friend and enjoy watching a movie together!

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.	HIV Education	Nick & Theron
Mar.	Support Meeting	
Apr	Video "Straight from the Heart"	
May	Support Meeting	
June	Rev. Barbara C.(Lobbying in D.C.)	
July	Movie Night	

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 1 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 page at www.pridaho.org.

PSupport Network:

Jim and Henrietta 522-3228

Bill and Ann F. 529-0919

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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.

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.

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.

IN DEAR ABBY: MOTHER LEARNS TO ACCEPT GAY SON, July 7, 2007

“Dear Abby: My husband and I raised our two sons and two daughters. One son and both daughters married well. Our other son, "Neil," is gay. He and his partner, "Ron," have been together 15 years, but Neil's father and I never wanted to know Ron because we disapproved of their lifestyle. When I was 74, my husband died, leaving me in ill health and nearly penniless. No longer able to live alone, I asked my married son and two daughters if I could "visit" each of them for four months a year. (I thought living out of a suitcase would be best for everyone.) All three turned me down. When Neil and Ron heard what had happened, they invited me to live with them. They welcomed me into their home, and removed a wall between two rooms so I'd have a bedroom with a private bath and sitting room. They also include me in many of their plans. Since I moved in with them, I have traveled more than I have my whole life. They never mention that they are supporting me, or that I ignored them. When old friends ask how it feels living with my gay son, I tell them I hope they're lucky enough to have one who will take them in one day. Please continue urging your readers to accept their children as they are. My only regret is that I wasted 15 years. - Grateful Mom

Dear Grateful Mom: You are fortunate to have such a loving, generous and forgiving son. Sexual orientation is not a measure of anyone's humanity or worth. Thank you for pointing out how important it is that people respect each other for who they are, not what we would like them to be. You could have learned that lesson long ago, had you and your husband contacted Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) when you first learned that Neil was gay. Among other things, the organization offers support groups and education for parents who need to learn more about gender issues. The address is 1726 M St. N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Life was meant to be lived and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn one's back on life.”

Eleanor Roosevelt, 1961

**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! This special Conference rate extends three days before and after the convention, so plan your vacation today.

POCATELLO PFLAG MEETING July 22, 2007

The Pocatello Chapter of PFLAG will be having a potluck meeting on Sunday July 22. 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

