



# News and Views

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**Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
**Unitarian Church**  
**555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

An April 2004 interview by Dallas Chase, a staff reporter for the Diversity newspaper, with Theron McGriff will be viewed at the June Chapter meeting. The interview was recorded by, and shown on, QTV in Boise. A group discussion will follow.

### 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

### May Meeting

Eleven people attended the April meeting. We watched an excellent video recording from a recent television show. Included in the video were John Schroeder of our PFLAG Chapter and Wayne Schow, father of a gay son. They were panel members on "Tough Talk," a television show discussing gay marriage. Thanks to Mike and John for providing the refreshments.

### SAVE AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> FOR THIS YEAR'S PFLAG PICNIC!

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

### Support Network.

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

### Board Members & PFLAG

#### Volunteers

President	Cherie Stevens
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### PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Next meeting to be June. 25<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.  
at the Community Resource Center)

**Please note: The July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Unitarian Church due to a scheduling conflict 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.

### AN UPDATE ON THERON McGRIFF'S CASE AS HEARD AT THE IDAHO SUPREME COURT ON MAY 3<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. The support dinners are still being held. The June dinner was held at T. J. Myer's home in Idaho Falls on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Send checks to Theron McGriff at 2820 St Charles Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404. Please make checks payable to Theron McGriff, not to PFLAG, as this is NOT a tax deductible donation. The July dinner will be a barbeque hosted by Dino Lowry with more details to come.

### 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.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Call the White House and write to your representatives. The number at the White House for leaving a comment for the President is 202-456-1111.

## 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

**“When people say homosexuality is only about sex they need to go to their dictionary and look up the definition of love”**

....Gay High School Student From Utah

## \_SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE BOARD

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

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Mike, John, Theron, Jim, Sharon, Wayne and Cherie met on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Jim and Sharon’s. The meeting agenda included:  
Youth Group outreach  
Theron’s Court Case  
PFLAG National Convention in Salt Lake City in October  
Festival of Trees  
Chapter meetings  
Breaking Boundaries 3  
Future programs  
Finances

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ACROSS THE NATION ARE NOT JUST COMING OUT IN BIG NUMBERS; THEY’RE COMPETING FOR TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES....Advocate.com, June 22, 2004

....Support for openly gay and lesbian high school students has been increasing nationwide. They’re coming out in large numbers, and many of them are running for student government offices. “When I went to high school [in New Jersey], no one ever dared to be out,” says Leslie Cooper, 36, a staff attorney for the ACLU’s Lesbian and Gay Rights project who represented Gamwell. “Now it’s happening not just in places like San Francisco or Los Angeles. This is a small town in North Carolina. The fact that so many kids are refusing to hide just shows us that the future is ours. And they’re teaching their peers that there’s nothing terrible about being gay.” Kelly Coughlin is doing just that: The 18-year-old senior at Gray–New Gloucester High School in Gray, Maine, was appointed school vice president earlier this academic year after she let everybody know that she is proud to be a lesbian. After transferring to the school last year she immediately went around wearing gay pride paraphernalia, and she soon started the school’s first gay-straight alliance. “I was quickly identified as the person to go to for GLBT resources,” Coughlin says. “A lot of queer people see me and feel like they can talk to me. That’s great. Similarly, since being elected class president at Brighton High School in Medford, Mass., a suburb of Boston, openly gay senior Morgan Jennatton says he has become the go-to guy on gay issues and he has helped to change the school’s climate. “People who are very religious have seen that I’m just like them, and now they tell me they support gay marriage,” he says. “They were very homophobic, but they didn’t know any gay people. When I got here I heard the word faggot everywhere. But this year, I have not heard it once.”....

**REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE**