



Parents, Families and Friends
of Lesbians and

Gays

News and Views

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SUNDAY June 24, 2007

YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.

CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Church

555 E Street, Idaho Falls

The program for our Chapter meeting should be very interesting. Our religious liaison, Rev. Barbara Harrison Condon, will tell about her trip to Washington D.C. She went to advocate with legislators to enlist their support for the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) and hate crimes legislation as well as building key contacts for further diversity advocacy work. Her trip was partially funded by Breaking Boundaries and our PFLAG Chapter.

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
Jan.	Dispelling Homophobia	Cherie & Wayne
Feb.	HIV Education	Nick & Theron
Mar.	Support Meeting	
Apr	Video "Straight from the Heart"	
May	Support Meeting	
Jun	Rev. Barbara C.(Lobbying in D.C.)	

PSupport Network:

Jim and Henrietta 522-3228

Bill and Ann F. 529-0919

Board Members & PFLAG

Volunteers

President	Cherie Stevens
Vice-President/Secretary	Open
Program VP	Open
Membership VP, Treasurer	Jim Be.
Newsletter Publisher	Sharon
Newsletter Editor	Wayne Stevens
Transgender Contact	R. Kay Snyder
Advocacy	R. Kay Snyder
Support	Hank
Religious Liaison	Rev. Barbara Condon

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.

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.

CAMP DEMOCRACY 2007 WILL BE HELD IN IDAHO FALLS JULY 13-15, 2007

The goal of Camp Democracy is to teach the principles of organizing a campaign to change public policy or to elect someone to public office. Camp Democracy is not partisan and does not endorse candidates. Rather it promotes full participation in the system our country has created for ordinary people to be heard. This event is sponsored by United Vision for Idaho & United Action for Idaho. Our PFLAG Chapter and Breaking Boundaries members have been invited to help with the planning of this event. Organizational meetings are held each Tuesday evening starting at 7 p.m. at the Labor Union office at 465 West 17th Street in Idaho Falls. This training program draws on successful models that connect authentic engagement of people who want to change their communities with the nuts and bolts of running campaigns. It is about strengthening our values for justice, equality and freedom by using the tools of grassroots democracy. Cost for the camp is \$75 and you can register on line at www.uvidaho.org or mail your registration to United Vision for Idaho, P.O. Box 2181, Boise ID 83701. For more information call 208-331-7028. Scholarships for PFLAG members are available from our PFLAG Chapter, call 522-6699 if you are interested. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT. CALL CHUCK AT 331-1583 IF YOU CAN HELP!**

OUR PFLAG CHAPTER DONATED \$1000 TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Our PFLAG chapter received \$1000 from Breaking Boundaries and donated this money to the Unitarian Universalist Church to help increase the accessibility of the building to assist PFLAG in meeting its mission as well as the Unitarian Church in its support of all types of diversity

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

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou

**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. & REDUCED REGISTRATION RATES OFFERED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2007

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.

"People Don't Get Fired for Being Straight" PFLAG Launches Campaign to Pass Workplace Legislation....April 24, 2007

Washington, D.C. – Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) National launched a postcard advocacy campaign today to urge legislators to pass a bill introduced this afternoon to ban discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. The postcards read “People don’t get fired for being straight. (But they can if they’re gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.)” PFLAG anticipates that thousands will be sent from its 200,000-member-strong supporter base to congressional representatives. The postcards urge legislators to vote yes on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a bill introduced today. “The shocking reality is that most people don’t even realize that GLBT people can still get fired simply for who they are and they have no recourse,” said Jody M. Huckaby, PFLAG’s executive director. “Our campaign will make people realize that this is a reality for too many people and that passing ENDA is the solution.” ENDA, if passed, would extend federal employment discrimination protections that are currently provided on race, religion, gender, national origin, age, and disability to cover sexual orientation and gender identity. Provisions in ENDA would allow any American who thinks s/he has been discriminated against because of his/her perceived sexual orientation or gender identity to file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the committee that handles all violations of Title VII, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and be able to sue their employer for certain damages if they fulfill the EEOC requirements. **Post cards will be available at the June PFLAG meeting in Idaho Falls for you to send to Idaho Legislators.**