



News and Views

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SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2007
YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.
CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls

The March PFLAG Chapter meeting will be a support meeting. Come prepared to share experiences and provide support for oneanother.

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
Aug.	PICNIC	Potluck
Sept.	Suicide Prevention	Pizza provided
Oct.	HJR 2	Jim & Sharon
Dec.	Holiday Party	Potluck
Jan.	Dispelling Homophobia	Cherie & Wayne
Feb.	HIV Education	Nick & Theron
Mar.	Support Meeting	

FEBRUARY MEETING

Free HIV testing was provided prior to the meeting. Thirteen people attended the February PFLAG meeting. The meeting included an excellent presentation by an HIV positive individual. A group discussion followed the presentation. Thanks to Nick and Theron and Breaking Boundaries for providing refreshments.

Support Network:

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

Board Members & PFLAG

Volunteers

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

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.

JACKSON PFLAG IS SPONSORING A LOVE MAKES A FAMILY PHOTO DISPLAY THIS SPRING IN JACKSON, WY

The dates for the Love Makes A Family photo display at the Jackson Public library have been firmed up. It will be on display from May 21st to June 1st. You may go to www.familydiv.org to see more about the display. On Thursday, May 24th, Jackson PFLAG will be having an evening program in the library auditorium, featuring Beth Loffreda who is an associate professor of English at the University of Wyoming, as well as a faculty member in the University's Creative Writing MFA and the African American Studies program. Her book, *Losing Matt Shepard: Life and Politics in the Aftermath of Anti-Gay Murder* was published by Columbia University Press in 2000, and was selected for a Stonewall "Honor Book" award in 2001. At UW, she has won the Ellbogen Meritorious Teaching Award, the Jason P. Thompson Commitment to Diversity Award, the Extraordinary Merit in Teaching and Research Awards, and has been named a Top Ten teacher. Since publishing her book, Beth has continued to research and write about GLBT issues in Wyoming.

A PFLAG CHAPTER IN POCATELLO MAY BE STARTING SOON

Several members of our PFLAG Chapter attended a meeting on March 7th in Pocatello with a group of about thirty people interested in starting a Pocatello PFLAG Chapter. A small "pre-planning" meeting has been arranged for April 1st and a potluck dinner/meeting will be held April 22nd at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 309 N. Garfield in Pocatello. The potluck dinner/meeting is for those interested in forming a Pocatello Chapter of PFLAG.

FLORIDA STATE SENATOR VOWS TO REPEAL STATE'S BAN ON ADOPTION BY GAYS....Advocate.com, March 16, 2007

At a press conference outside the Florida state senate chambers in Tallahassee Wednesday, a state senator announced that she would work to end the state's 30-year-old ban on adoptions by gays. Democratic state senator Nan Rich of Weston said she was sponsoring a bill that would finally repeal the ban on gays and lesbians adopting children, reports Florida Today.

Critics of the ban say that it is unfair and hypocritical, since the state does not bar LGBT people from becoming foster parents. Last year, foster children of gay and lesbian caregivers participated in a demonstration at the state capitol, protesting the law that prohibits their adoption by people they consider their parents. (The Advocate)

NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BILL RICHARDSON CALLS FOR END OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

....Advocate.com March 17, 2007

Bill Richardson, the Democratic governor of New Mexico and 2008 presidential candidate, announced Thursday that he believes "don't ask, don't tell" should be repealed. Responding to Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Peter Pace's anti-gay comments earlier this week, the onetime congressman said he doesn't agree that homosexuality is immoral, instead saying discrimination against gay people in the U.S. military should end, the Associated Press reports. "I voted against it when I served in Congress," Richardson told the AP in Santa Fe, referring to the ban on openly gay service members, signed into law by then-president Bill Clinton in the 1990s. "People should not be judged based on their sexual orientation. Throughout my entire career I have fought for equal rights and against discrimination of any kind." Richardson added that Pace's remarks were "unfortunate" and called on President Bush to condemn them. In his interview with the AP he also pointed to his own pro-gay record: his support of civil unions and his signing into law a state measure that provides civil rights protections for gays and lesbians. Two of his competitors for the Democratic presidential nod, senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, also disavowed Pace's comment's Thursday, according to the AP, finally saying that they disagree that homosexuality is immoral after avoiding the issue earlier in the week.

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.

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BREAKING BOUNDARIES ORGANIZATION LOOKING FOR A CO-CHAIR FOR AIDS AWARENESS BENEFIT HELD ON THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER.

Breaking Boundaries is in great need of the help of one person who would like to be a BIG part of the event in December. They are looking for a Co-chair for the 2007 event. This person should be someone who really wants to learn how to do the event so this individual can be the chair of the 2008 event. Theron has said he will co-chair the event and teach someone everything he knows about putting on the event if he has a co-chair that is serious and wants to learn and is ready to step up in 2008. If you are interesting in supporting Breaking Boundaries in this very important position please call Kathy at 520-9024.

TREVOR PROJECT INCLUDES SUICIDE HOTLINE

The Trevor Project is a nonprofit organization that promotes tolerance for LGBT and questioning teenagers and aids in suicide prevention among that group. More information on the Trevor Project can be found at www.TheTrevorProject.org. The Trevor Helpline 1-866-488-7386 (lines are open 24 hours a day, every day). The Trevor Helpline is a phone bank staffed by trained counselors willing to help those in crisis, or those wanting information on how to help someone in crisis. The call is free and won't appear on your phone bill.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Where, after all. Do human rights begin? They begin in small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map in the world"

Eleanor Roosevelt

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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