



News and Views

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Sunday May 28th, 2006
PFLAG YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.
CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls

This month's Chapter meeting will include viewing portions of a film entitled "Tying the Knot." This film explores the political war between gay people who want to marry and those determined to stop them. It digs into the past and present to uncover the meaning of marriage today, focusing on issues of rights, privilege, and love.

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
Mar	Out in High School	Hank & Jim
Apr	Support Meeting	
May	Video "Tying the Knot"	Cherie & Wayne

APRIL MEETING

Fourteen people attended the April meeting. This support meeting resulted in good group discussions. Thanks to Hank and Jim for running the meeting and to all who brought refreshments!

OUR PFLAG CHAPTER TO HELP BREAKING BOUNDARIES WITH A SUMMER GAMES PACKAGE FOR THE BEER FEST AUCTION.

Please consider donating a "summer game" for the silent auction events at this year's Beer Fest. Contact Wayne at 208-521-7169, or bring to this PFLAG meeting. Some examples of summer games include volleyball, badminton, frisbee, golf, croquet, board games, water games, etc.

THE SOUTHEAST IDAHO PFLAG PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

Mark your calendars for the annual PFLAG picnic. More information will be included in a future newsletter.

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.
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Support	Hank
Religious Liaison	Rev. Barbara Condon

BREAKING BOUNDARIES/SOUTHEAST IDAHO AIDS COALITION SELECTED AGAIN AS THE SPONSOR CHARITY FOR THE MOUNTAIN BREWER'S BEER FEST EVENT FOR 2006, IN IDAHO FALLS-Volunteers & Auction items needed!

The North American Brewers Association will sponsor the Annual Mountain Brewer's Beer Fest For Charity on June 3, 2005 at the Sandy Downs Race Track south of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The association has selected the Breaking Boundaries organization, for the second year in a row, to be the featured sponsor charity, assist with the event and as a result receive a major proportion of the net profit from the event. **Last year Breaking Boundaries made over \$23,000 at Beer Fest.**

If anyone can help, here is what we need. 1. For you to keep your calendar open for that Saturday (June 3).

2. Donate items for the raffle or auction. We can use anything. Auction items big or small, preferably new items, are needed. Small items donated will be placed with other items to make an auction item. Volunteer help for the event is also needed. If you can volunteer call Theron McGriff or email him at mcgriffw@aol.com. We are closing in on the date for the Beer Fest and can still accept donations for the silent auction. Theron is gathering items for a few packages, so if you have anything to add or have an idea for a package yourself, please let Theron know. Items can be used to beef up the following packages:

1. Camping package
2. Movie package (any DVD's you may have)
3. Summer swimming package
4. Weekend on the town (hotel/food/fun package for IF area)
5. Backyard package

The value of the packages should not be over \$500. Big items (like shotguns, trunks, larger artwork etc) did great last year too. Those are the immediate needs, so please let Theron know if you have something to donate...and nothing is too small or too large!!

Volunteers can be used for Friday set up (noon, June 2 until about 7 or so), for Saturday's event (8 AM until 6 PM.), or for Saturday breakdown (5 PM until 10PM), and Sunday trash pick up (10AM-12PM).

PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS
Next meeting to be May 28th at 6 p.m.
at the Unitarian Church

Until Further Notice: Youth Group meetings will be held before the Chapter meetings at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Church.

There will be NO Youth Group meetings on the second & fourth Fridays until further notice.

SEATTLE COMMUNITY CHORUS COMING TO UTAH, IDAHO, WYOMING, & MONTANA IN JULY

Formed in 1979, this chorus has grown into two choruses, totaling more than 300 men and women, the Seattle Men's Chorus and the Seattle Women's Chorus. Since 1994 the Seattle Men's Chorus (also known as The Seattle Gay Men's Chorus) has performed in an award-winning television program "Swellegant Elegance" which continues to air on PBS stations across the nation. Members from both chorus' will be on tour in July. The schedule is as follows: **Saturday, July 1** Evening Event with local Salt Lake City community. **Sunday, July 2** Morning performances: Men's Chorus will be at First Baptist Church, 777 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City. Women's Chorus to perform at St Steven's Episcopal, 4615 S. 3200 West, West Valley City, UT.

Sunday Evening (July 2nd) performance will start at 7:30 PM at the Jensen Grand Concert Hall in the Stephens Performing Arts Center on the Idaho State University Campus in Pocatello, ID. Monday, July 3 @ 7:30 p.m., Jackson, WY - Concert (Sensible Shoes and Captain Smartypants) at St. John's Episcopal Church. Wednesday, July 5, Billings, Montana. Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Alberta Bair Theatre. Thursday, July 6, Bozeman, Montana. The Seattle Men's Chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music Auditorium, on the Montana State University Campus. Thursday, July 6, Helena, Montana. The Seattle Women's Chorus will perform at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Saturday, July 8, Salt Lake City, UT. Concert - Libby Gardner Concert Hall

MONTANA PRIDE CELEBRATION SET FOR JUNE 16-18, 2006 IN HELENA

The Montana PRIDE Celebration theme is "Come Out AGAIN in Helena" and is advertised as a Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans and Intersex Pride Weekend. The weekend events start at 7 p.m. Friday evening and run until Sunday at 12 noon. Included in the weekend schedule are a performance by Myrna Loy, the Missoula Gay Men's Chorus, a drag show & dance, a rainbow parade, workshops, a potluck in the park, a PRIDE Inc. reception, and a Sunday brunch. A weekend pass is \$20 before June 1st or \$30 after June 1st. For more information see www.qnewsmontana.com or contact Montana Pride Network at P. O. Box 2034, Helena, MT 59624

GEORGIA AMENDMENT BANNING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE STRUCK DOWN....Advocate.com May 17, 2006

A Georgia constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage approved by voters in 2004 was struck down Tuesday (May 16) because it violated the constitution's procedural requirements. A state judge in Georgia has struck down a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage approved by voters in November 2004, saying the measure violated the state constitution's procedural requirements, which exist to prevent voter confusion and protect the constitutional process....On November 2, 2004, Georgia voters approved an amendment to the state constitution that, among several other things, bars same-sex couples from marrying. Efforts to keep the amendment off of the ballot failed. The Georgia supreme court agreed with a lower-court finding that prevented judicial review until after the election. The plaintiff group re-filed the case immediately following the election, leading to Tuesday's ruling.... The trial court ruling, which came on Tuesday, is in response to a lawsuit filed by Lambda Legal, the ACLU of Georgia, and law firm Alston and Bird on behalf of a group of voters, legislators, and faith leaders. The state is expected to appeal the ruling, which will go directly to the Georgia supreme court. "This court is well aware that Amendment One enjoyed great public support," Judge Constance C. Russell wrote in her ruling. "However, the test of law is not its popularity. Procedural safeguards such as the single subject rule rarely enjoy popular support. But, ultimately it is those safeguards that preserve our liberties, because they ensure that the actions of government are constrained by the rule of law."

MAY 17TH IS INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA....Lutherans Concerned / North America, May 17, 2006

May 17 is International Day Against Homophobia. First initiated by Professor Georges-Louis Tin in France, this is the second year that this date has observed as an opportunity for the world's LGBT people and those allied with them to mark their solidarity with each other, regardless of language, geography, or politics. It is most importantly a day for all LGBT people and allies to stand against the violence, hatred, and discrimination that homophobia nurtures and legitimizes. While we in Lutherans Concerned/North America continue our struggle and advocacy for full inclusion in the life of the Lutheran church in North America, we must not forget that fully a third of the nations that belong to the United Nations still consider homosexuals to be criminals. And, we must not forget that there are places on the planet where LGBT people are killed simply for being who they are.

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE