



# News and Views

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**SUNDAY May 27, 2007**  
**YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.**  
**CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.**  
**Unitarian Church**  
**555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

The May meeting will be a support meeting. No program is scheduled.

**NOTE: OUR PFLAG CHAPTER WEB SITE IS CURRENTLY DOWN. WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE HOST SITE AND MAY HAVE TO CHANGE THE DOMAIN NAME. THIS ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS MAILED.**

## 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	
Apr	Video "Straight from the Heart"	

## FIRST MEETING OF THE POCATELLO PFLAG CHAPTER IS A BIG SUCCESS!

Fifty people attended the first potluck dinner/PFLAG meeting at the First Congregational Church in Pocatello on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next meeting will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., beginning with a potluck, at the First Congregational Church, 309 N. Garfield in Pocatello.

## Support 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

## 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 LOVE MAKES A FAMILY PHOTO DISPLAY 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 21<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. You may go to [www.familydiv.org](http://www.familydiv.org) to see more about the display. On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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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**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!**

**BREAKING BOUNDARIES DONATES \$1000 TO OUR PFLAG CHAPTER & ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY TRIP COSTS TO ADVOCATE FOR ENDA IN D.C.**

Our PFLAG chapter plans to provide assistance to the Unitarian Universalist Church with these funds in order to 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. The trip funds were used to support our religious liaison, Rev. Barbara Harrison Condon, in her trip to Washington D.C. 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.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**“It always seemed to me a bit pointless to disapprove of homosexuality. It’s like disapproving of rain.”**

**British Member of Parliament Francis Maude**

**BREAKING BOUNDARIES ORGANIZATION SELECTED AS THE SPONSOR CHARITY FOR THE MOUNTAIN BREWER’S BEER FEST EVENT JUNE 2, 2007 IN IDAHO FALLS**

The North American Brewer’s Association will sponsor the Annual Mountain Brewer’s Beer Fest For Charity on June 2, 2007 at the Sandy Downs Race Track south of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The association has again selected the Breaking Boundaries organization 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. Our PFLAG Chapter will help by preparing and delivering food for the Beer Fest Volunteer workers. If anyone would like to help with the food preparation during the afternoon and evening of June 2<sup>nd</sup> please call 522-6699.

**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](http://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.

**OHIO GOVERNOR BANS BIAS AGAINST GAY, TRANSGENDER WORKERS....Advocate.com, May18, 2007**

In red-state Ohio, gay and transgender state workers will now be legally protected from workplace discrimination. Democratic governor Ted Strickland signed an executive order on Thursday that bans discrimination against state government employees because of their orientation. The order also protects those who consider themselves the opposite gender. In signing the protections, the governor is actually restoring provisions for state workers that existed for 15 years but were struck down by Gov. Bob Taft in 2000. The governor's order does not need approval by the general assembly but will expire when Strickland leaves office. The governor's spokesman said the order was the fairest way to ensure that "employment decisions are based on performance and not perception."

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

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