



Parents, Families and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays

News and Views

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SUNDAY November 18, 2007

YOUTH GROUP 6:00 p.m.

CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Church

555 E Street, Idaho Falls

Cherie and Wayne attended the National PFLAG Conference in Washington D.C. in October and have lots to report (see excerpts in this newsletter about the conference from the executive director of PFLAG, Jody Huckaby). PFLAG National has initiated a Straight for Equality program which "aims to reach out to people who don't have a close family connection to the issue of GLBT equality, but who want to help." Invite a friend and come join the discussion on how to build straight allies!

NOTE: The annual PFLAG Holiday Party, Finger Food Potluck, will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 16th. There will be holiday music, and door prizes, A special guest, Charles Dickens, will attend and do a reading.

NOTE: OUR MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

Seventeen people attended the October meeting. We watched the documentary "Small Town Gay Bar," followed by a group discussion. The documentary is

Support Network:

Jim and Henrietta 522-3228

Bill and Ann F. 529-0919

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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.

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 STARTED AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

A new support group for people living with HIV / AIDS has been started in Idaho Falls. Meetings are held on Monday evenings starting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Unitarian Church, 555 E Street, Idaho Falls, 83402. For more information you can call the church office at 522-8269.

IT IS CHAPTER DUES TIME AGAIN!

The annual dues for our Chapter are \$25 and includes \$15 for membership in the National PFLAG organization. You can pay dues at any Chapter meeting or mail to the Post Office box 52242, Idaho Falls, ID 83405. Dues scholarships are available for anyone living on a limited budget but would still like to be included as a member of PFLAG.

POCATELLO PFLAG MEETING DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED

The Pocatello PFLAG Chapter meetings have been changed to the 2nd Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 11th at 5:00 PM. at the Congregational Church, 309 N. Garfield. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. For more information call Tonya at 604-2245.

**A MESSAGE FROM JODY HUCKABY,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PFLAG NATIONAL**

"I'm going to tell you a little secret: In spite of the fact that I saw all of the planning and work that was going into the PFLAG National Convention, I wasn't completely sure what to expect when we actually got to the event. I was, prior to October 11, a PFLAG Convention newbie. But now that I've been there, I can say that being at a PFLAG National Convention is one of the most powerful experiences any of us can have. It exceeded my expectations and left me feeling more positive than ever about the amazing and life-changing work that PFLAGers nationwide are doing in their communities." For more information about the Convention go to www.pflag.org

**BREAKING BOUNDARIES AIDS AWARENESS
BENEFIT SET FOR NOV. 30 THRU DEC 2ND**

This year's Breaking Boundaries AIDS Awareness Benefit will be held at two locations. The first two events will be held at the Elks Lodge, 640 East Elva, in Idaho Falls. The concluding event will be a Memorial Service held at the Unitarian Church, 555 E. Street (see article below). The theme for this year's event is "A Night on the Nile." The event begins on Friday, November 30th with a free display, open to the public from Noon to 4PM, of twenty panels from the National AIDS Memorial Quilt. On Friday evening a sold-out black tie dinner will begin at 6PM. On Saturday, December 1st, from Noon to 4PM a free viewing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt panels will be open to the public. Saturday evening beginning at 7PM is a concert by "The Fabulous Nobodys," aka. Liatt Potter and Kim Tweedy. Tickets for the Concert are \$35 per guest. An art show, by jewelry artist Peggy Jessmore, and a silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Friday and Saturday evening events. Please call 542-0590 if you need more information.

**OUR PFLAG CHAPTER TO HOST THE
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BREAKING
BOUNDARIES AIDS AWARENESS EVENT**

On Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 7PM a Dedication and Memorial Service for new quilt panels for the National AIDS Memorial Quilt will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 555 E Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho. This service is open to the public at no cost. Our PFLAG Chapter will host the Memorial Service. The service will include a candlelight procession to the riverside area. Refreshments will be provided at the Unitarian Church following the service.

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.

DEAR ABBY BACKS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE....

Lisa Leff, The Associated Press, Oct 10, 2007

Message from advice columnist is clear: 'It's OK to be gay'
SAN FRANCISCO — For years, Dear Abby has made casual references to "sexual orientation" and "respect." Now, she's ready to say it flatly: She supports same-sex marriage. "I believe if two people want to commit to each other, God bless 'em," the syndicated advice columnist told the Associated Press. "That is the highest form of commitment, for heaven's sake." What Jeanne Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, finds offensive and misguided are homophobic jokes, phrases such as "that's so gay," and parents who reject or try to change their children when they come out of the closet...."I'm trying to tell kids if they are gay, it's OK to be gay. I've tried to tell families if they have a gay family member to accept them and love them as they always have," she said in an AP interview...."She is such a mainstream voice," said Jody Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG. "If Dear Abby is talking about it, it gives other people permission to talk about it."...Phillips realizes that some disagree with her on gay rights; she and her husband "argue about this continually," she said. He says civil unions and domestic partnerships "would be less threatening to people who feel marriage is just a religious rite." She says anything less than full marriage amounts to second-class citizenship.

**STUDY: SAME-SEX COUPLES MIGRATING TO THE
HEARTLAND....Advocate.com,
Nov 6, 2007**

The Williams Institute for Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles, released a report Monday documenting what it called "a gay demographic explosion" in some of the country's reddest of regions. Using recently released data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the analyses show that the number of same-sex couples in the United States has quadrupled since 1990, growing at a rate 21 times that of the population. But increases have been the most dramatic in the Midwest, Mountain, and Southern states.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind, don't matter and those who matter, don't mind."

Dr. Suess

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[PFLAG NEEDS YOU!](#)

**CHECK OUT THE IDAHO FALLS FESTIVAL OF TREES
OUR PFLAG CHAPTER HAS DECORATED
A GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE
LOOK FOR A LARGE UPSIDE DOWN TREE**

**THE FESTIVAL OF TREES IS LOCATED AT THE RED LION THIS YEAR
IT STARTS ON TUESDAY NOV 13TH AND RUNS THRU FRIDAY NOV 16TH**

GENESIS PROJECT COFFEE NIGHT IN IDAHO FALLS

The Genesis Project from Idaho State University is holding a coffee night on the last Tuesday of each month in Idaho Falls. Meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Villa Coffee House, 344 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls. An evening for gay, bi & curious guys to get together to socialize, meet other guys and have a free drink. The sign on the front door may say closed but the door will be open.