



Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG

**PO Box 52242
Idaho Falls, ID 83405-2242
e-mail: PFLAGinEID@aol.com
Voice Mail Phone 522-1057**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2008

CHAPTER MEETING 7 P.M.

**Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

This month's PFLAG Chapter meeting will be a support meeting, and those who want to can share their "coming out" stories as National Coming Out Day is October 11th. This can be coming out as a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered person or it can be coming out as a parent, friend, or ally. We will also be deciding on a name for the Christmas tree that we will be decorating and donating to the Idaho Falls Festival of Trees.

Please bring a snack to share if you are able; beverages will be provided.

The Festival of Trees is fast approaching. The Festival of Trees will be held Tuesday, November 17, through Friday, November 20, at the Red Lion Hotel Convention Center in Idaho Falls. This year's theme is "Unwrap the Magic." The Festival of Trees provides much needed funding for the Development Workshop, Inc. This nonprofit organization meets the needs of people with disabilities, with no other source of income, to receive services necessary to be more independent.

"Do what you can with what you have where you are."

—Theodore Roosevelt

WWW.IFPFLAG.COM

NEW TRIAL OF HIV VACCINE IN GAY MEN BEGINS....HIV PLUS mag.com, Oct 5, 2009

An HIV vaccine trial has begun enrolling men who have sex with men in 12 U.S. cities. The HVTN 505 study is designed to see whether a two-part vaccine regimen decreases viral loads among participants who later become infected with HIV. "It is designed to find cells already infected and reduce the amount of virus in people if they do get infected," Jonathan Fuchs, director of vaccine studies at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "If we get clues that we can accomplish that, it will be a huge next step in developing a safe and effective vaccine." The two-part vaccine candidate consists of three recombinant DNA-based primers and one booster to stimulate the immune system. The booster vaccine contains weakened adenovirus type 5, a common virus that normally causes colds. Disabled so as not to cause colds, the Ad5 booster will encode HIV proteins found in HIV and on the virus's outer envelope. Neither of the vaccines contains HIV, nor can they infect participants with HIV. The trial is recruiting 1,350 HIV-negative, circumcised men who have sex with men ages 18-45 who do not have antibodies to Ad5. In San Francisco, researchers are looking for 120 men and will launch a locally produced campaign for volunteers on December 1, World AIDS Day. Bus shelter ads were planned for October 1 in some of the 12 cities. For more information visit www.hopetakesaction.org.

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

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR PFLAG CHAPTER !

- § Come to the meetings.
- § Provide refreshments for a meeting.
- § Coordinate a program or activity.
- § Tell your Friends and Family about PFLAG
- § Pay dues (\$25) if able.

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.

8th ANNUAL BREAKING BOUNDARIES HIV/AIDS AWARENESS EVENT TO BE HELD DEC. 2 - 5, 2009

The 4-day event begins with public viewings of the Names Project National Memorial AIDS Quilt December 2 and 3 (10 AM to 8 PM) and on December 5 from noon until 7 PM. Public viewing is free to all. The Mass-Cure-AIDS Ball, Idaho Falls' premier Black-Tie Dinner and Auction will be December 4, 2009 at 6 PM. Advance tickets are \$95 per person and seating is limited. The magic continues Saturday evening (Dec 5, 2009) with the Dedication of sections of the Names Project National Memorial AIDS Quilt from Southeast Idaho. This community event is free to all. For information, please call 208-529-0812 or email: bbevent2009@gmail.com. All events will be held at the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge, 640 East Elva, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Our PFLAG Chapter will once again be coordinating the Dedication of new sections of the Quilt. Volunteers to help are needed. Donations of either items or money to purchase items are needed for the auction. Please call 529-5722 (Theron) or 529-0812 (Kelly) if you have items to donate or want to make a contribution.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

