



News and Views

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Sunday October 24th, 2004
Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls

Planning for the upcoming year, a discussion of election of officers, and the movie "Latter Days," will be shown. Please come and contribute your ideas for next year!

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
Apr	Support for Theron	Finger food Potluck
May	Gay Marriage	Mike & John
June	Interview on QTV	Wayne & Cherie
July	Gay Movie Night	Popcorn provided
Aug	Annual Picnic — Potluck (beverages provided)	
Oct	Movie "Latter Days"	Popcorn provided

September Meeting

Sixteen people attended the September meeting. Planning for the upcoming year was discussed and clips from the video "One Nation Under God," were shown. Thanks to Brent for bringing dessert.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, 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.

Support Network.

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

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PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS
Next meeting to be Oct. 22nd 7 p.m.
at the Community Resource Center

We need input from the PFLAG youth and others to help increase outreach regarding the PFLAG Youth Group.

meetings are also needed.
Please contact a board member to volunteer.

OCTOBER SUPPORT EVENT FOR THERON McGRUFF TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 23RD

The October support event for Theron will be held on October 23rd.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Idaho Falls Activity Center

Address: 1575 N. Skyline

Costume: Optional, with prize to the best costume.

Food: Bring Pot luck

Admission: \$10/person charge to cover costs for building and bartender.

Although we hired a bartender, the admission fee is for his time, so people will still need to pay for their drinks.

Please join us! It will be so fun, and kids are welcome!!

The Idaho Supreme Court ruled against Theron. Only one Judge out of the five Judges saw through the opposing lawyer's smoke screen and was on Theron's side. Theron's legal bills are very high. He needs any help we can provide. If you cannot attend this support event you can send a check to Theron McGriff at 2820 St Charles Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404. Please make checks payable to Theron's Legal Fund, not to PFLAG, as this is NOT a tax deductible donation.

THE IDAHO FALLS WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Visit www.ifpflag.org, see the progress, and suggestions for

NATIONAL PFLAG CONFERENCE TO BE IN SALT LAKE CITY, UT OCT. 22-24, 2004....Gary & Millie Watts, and Frank and Lynne Keil

“As co-chairs of the host committee for the 2004 National PFLAG Conference we are writing to ask you for your support. The 2004 PFLAG National Conference is scheduled for Salt Lake City, October 21- 24th this year at the Little America Hotel. We’ve done everything we can to keep tuition costs down but they are still not inexpensive: \$225/person or \$425/couple. This rate, however, does include all meals. (See below) Room rates (recently reduced-see below) are \$79/night in the Court side rooms (Note--this is a recently reduced rate) and \$109/night in the tower....The conference will open Friday morning and continue through Sunday concluding at 1:00 p.m. Featured speakers and guests already include Bishop Gene Robinson, Barney Frank, Tammy Baldwin, Simon LeVay, Evan Wolfson, Mathilde Krim, Frank Kameny, Kate Kendall, Rocky Anderson and Paul Smith. Invitations have or are being extended to Senator Gordon Smith, Dick and Nancy Gephardt (PFLAG members), San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and others....We have attended previous national PFLAG Conferences and the feelings extended to us of love, concern, and friendship by other parents in attendance has been touching, overwhelming, and healing. It’s traditional to laugh, cry, sing, and eat together. Now it’s our turn to show those attending the conference from all over the country how great the Family Fellowship and PFLAG members are in this area. Please come and be a part of this great event....We’ve promised national PFLAG at least 300 registrants from the Mountain West region. The following are some of the sessions scheduled:

- Legal Rights and Protections
- Family Matters: GLBT Parenting
- Science Session: The Biology of Sexuality and the Dangers of “Reparative Therapy”
- Moving Faith Communities Toward a More Inclusive Stance

Go to www.pflag.org for additional information and on-line registration.

JOIN US! IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

Start planning and saving now as this PFLAG National Conference is within easy driving distance from Idaho Falls.

Lower hotel rates for the PFLAG conference are still in effect. Court side rooms are \$79, \$99 for Garden rooms, and \$109 for rooms in the Tower.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS FILES SUIT OVER “DON’T ASK, DON’ TELL” Advocate.com, Oct. 13, 2004

The gay political group Log Cabin Republicans planned to file a lawsuit Tuesday in a federal district court in Los Angeles to overturn the U.S. government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy covering gays in the military. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, put into place in 1993 during the Clinton administration, allows gays and lesbians to serve in the military as long as they do not disclose their sexual orientation and do not engage in homosexual acts. Log Cabin members serving in the military asked the group's leaders over the past four months to take legal action, the group's attorney, Marty Meekins, said Tuesday. They did not come forward because of a specific incident but simply because "of fear of the military finding out their sexual orientation if they are gay and lesbian," Meekins said. "This case is fundamentally about correcting a misguided governmental policy based on prejudice toward gay and lesbian Americans," he added. While it's not the first challenge of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Log Cabin officials say they are encouraged by a historic Supreme Court decision in 2003 that struck down a Texas law that made gay sex a crime. The court, in the ruling, said that what gay men and women do in the privacy of their bedrooms is their business and not the domain of government....The Pentagon under Bush has maintained the Clinton-era "don't ask, don't tell" policy, while Kerry has said he would let gays serve openly in the military.A report earlier this year from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network found that 787 gays and lesbians were dismissed from the military over "don't ask, don't tell" in 2003, down 39% from 2001. The advocacy group said the decline was due mainly to U.S. military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. The military has discharged nearly 10,000 people for violations of the policy since it first took effect, according to that report.

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 4u-trevor) or 1-866-4-887-3867** (*editor's note-- I dialed this number with the extra digit, and it works*) is the only national 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention hot line aimed at gay and questioning youth. The Trevor Helpline is geared toward helping those in crisis, or those wanting information on how to help someone in crisis. The Trevor Helpline calls are handled by highly trained counselors and are free and confidential.

REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE

