



Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2008
Unitarian Church, 555 E Street in Idaho Falls, ID
FREE HIV TESTING FROM 6 TO 7 P.M.**

MEETING STARTS AT 7 P.M.

Help support your local PFLAG Chapter by attending this meeting. We will be assembling sticker packets to hand out to children at the Unity Festival (see article in this newsletter) and planning future activities. We need everyone's input.

If you are able, please bring a snack to share.

Free HIV Testing will be performed between 6 and 7 p.m. by a nurse from the Eastern Idaho Public Health Department (formerly District 7 Health Dept.) Eastern Idaho Public Health Department now offers the Ora Sure quick HIV testing. Results are provided in 20 minutes! Very accurate and everything is confidential!

The PFLAG Picnic last month was GREAT!! Approximately thirty people attended the annual picnic at Sealander Park and the weather, food, and fellowship were wonderful. Thanks to Kirk and Kathee for providing the water balloon dunking booth and the blowup jumping house! They own and operate Scotty's Two rental in Rigby so if you need to rent any equipment or tool they are a GLBT friendly business.

WEBSITE FOR THE EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER OF PFLAG IS:

www.ifpflag.com

OUR PFLAG CHAPTER INVITED BY THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS TO HAVE A BOOTH AT THE NEW UNITY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SEPT 27TH FROM 11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

“The goal of the 2008 CommUNITY Festival is to highlight diversity and enhance unity within the community by providing a kaleidoscope of activities.” This sentence was in a letter from the City of Idaho Falls inviting our Chapter to participate in the Festival. We have reserved a booth space and would appreciate volunteers to help staff the booth.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR PFLAG CHAPTER AS OUR CHAPTER GOES INTO ITS SIXTEENTH YEAR!

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

CHAPTER DUES

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

THERE IS STILL TIME TO VOTE FOR OUR PFLAG CHAPTER (VOTING ENDS SEPT 30, 2008)

The following is from Pride Foundations’s newsletter:

Win money for your favorite organization!

It's back! Pride Foundation's Raffle With A Twist is back and you can enter it today. What's the twist? If you win, we give money to your favorite non-profit organization. And once again we are not only giving \$2,500 to one randomly drawn organization, but also \$1,000 to each of the top named organizations in our funding areas of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

GAY SUNDAY BRUNCH GROUP IN IDAHO FALLS

If you are interested in joining a fun group for Sunday Brunch at an Idaho Falls restaurant just send a note to the Following:

GaySundayBrunch-subscribe@yahoo.com

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.

MISSOULA (MONTANA) POLICE BEEF UP OUTREACH TO GAYS....Advocate.com Aug 8,2008

The GLBT Community Liaison program in Missoula, Mont., is getting a makeover. With a website, posters, radio spots, and billboards, the Missoula Police Department and community partners are campaigning to stop bias and report it when it occurs, according to *New West Missoula*. The effort has its roots in the work of a Missoula police officer who reached out to GLBT Missoulians in 2005 after some gays -- and young men and women perceived to be gay -- were brutally beaten in unprovoked attacks. The officer drew up a form for reporting hate crimes and bias, said Missoula police chief Mark Muir. Since the program began, only two complaints of bias harassment have been filed, and Muir is concerned that residents are unaware of available resources, according to *New West*. The program was thrust into the limelight after being featured in a documentary on Logo in January 2007, but its visibility has since waned. (*The Advocate*)

POCATELLO PFLAG MEETS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The Pocatello PFLAG Chapter meets at 5 pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 309 N. Garfield. Enter the Church basement on the side next to the tennis courts. Bring finger food or a snack to share during the support group. For more information, please call Mary, 237-5902 or Tonya, 233-3294.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG REALLY NEEDS YOU

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

