



# News and Views

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**Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 viewing of selected clips of a video, "One Nation Under God," about reparative therapy, 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)

## PFLAG Picnic Report

Thirty five people attended the PFLAG picnic at Sealander Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone had a good time and the weather cooperated. The temperature was perfect for an outdoor picnic. The rain held off until it was time to clean up and we cleaned up in record time. Thanks to R. Kay & Jim, everyone received a door prize.

## PRIDAHO 2004 WAS HELD ON AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> IN POCATELLO!

Our PFLAG Chapter had a booth at this year's Pridaho, and we were able to contact many new people and touch base with many former Youth Group members. We had PFLAG pamphlets to give away and flyers for our picnic.

## UPDATE OF OUR WEBSITE IS UNDERWAY

Visit [www.ifpflag.org](http://www.ifpflag.org) and see the progress!

## Support Network.

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

## Board Members & PFLAG Volunteers

President	Cherie Stevens
Vice-President/Secretary	Jon
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	Open

**PFLAG YOUTH GROUP NEWS**  
Next meeting to be Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SEPTEMBER SUPPORT EVENT FOR THERON McGRIFF TO BE HELD AT MARCELLAR'S IN IDAHO FALLS ON SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 5 TO 9 P.M.

The September support event for Theron will be held at MarCellar's Vintage Wines & Brew store, 431 Park Ave, Idaho Falls from 5 to 9 p.m. Wine and snacks will be complimentary, so just stop by after work and bring a friend..and your checkbook! If you have any questions, just call Dino Lowrey at 523-8742.

The Idaho Supreme Court heard oral arguments on May 3, 2004, but it will be up to six months before the Court will make its ruling. 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.

## \_\_\_\_ 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.

## OUR PFLAG CHAPTER HAS RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS DONATION OF \$2985 FROM THE PRIDE FOUNDATION IN SEATTLE.

The four PFLAG Chapters in Idaho (Idaho Falls, Boise, Couer d'Alene, and Sandpoint) received a total of \$8800 for an

total amount was divided by the number of members in each chapter and the Idaho Falls share was \$2985.47.

**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- 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.**

**\_SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE BOARD**

(The next meeting will be on Tuesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.,

**“THE YEAR OF THE GAY”AT NOTRE DAME ....By Intern Joanna Basile for Advocate.com Aug 27, 2004**

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s gay and lesbi an students were tired of living in the dark ages, so in the past year they

ve brought the school

s LGBT contingent into the media spotlight... After feeling alone for quite some time among Notre Dame

s conservative, close-minded masses, I finally began to find my niche: in the school

s unofficial LGBT student support group, OutreachND. Among the members were people as upset as I was with the school

s anti-progressive nature when it came to anything even remotely related to homosexuality Together we agreed that it was time to stop whining about Notre Dame

s exclusion of its gay population; it was instead time to rally for a more welcoming atmosphere... We launched a campus wide T-shirt campaign borrowed from Duke University, a former holder of the

r ranking. Distributed for free on campus, the shirts simply stated, gay? fine by me. At Duke, the visibility effort helped the school shed its number 1 ranking and we hoped to do the same... The first T-shirt day was March 19, and 1,600 bright orange shirts were passed out to students, faculty, and staff of the university

dubbed it, was covered by *The South Bend [Ind.] Tribune* (Notre Dame

s hometown paper), *The Chicago Tribune*, and many LGBT news organizations... No matter how slowy the university accepts the changes we are attempting, we

at Wayne & Cherie's) Board meeting for Sept. was held on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

I l continue to stay and fight until we achieve full equality for LGBT students at Notre Dame. . . . Even though OutreachND and United in Diversity are still struggling without university recognition as we begin the 2004-2005 school year, last year

s activities that centered on gay issues were groundbreaking for Notre Dame. Never before have the gay and lesbian students of the school received as much support and campus recognition, and this year we plan to continue to hold similar events. Advocate *intern Basile* will be a junior at Notre Dame this fall. You can e-mail her at [jbasil@nd.edu](mailto:jbasil@nd.edu)

#### **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 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**

