



News & Views



Celebrating Real Family Values

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www.pflagmodesto.org

Dates to Remember

Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

7 pm Support

8 pm Program

September 2

Come see this new film and join the lively discussion

Art and Collectibles Sale

sponsored by Friends of PFLAG Modesto

Friday, October 24, 7-9 pm

AND

Saturday, October 25, 1-4 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 324 College Ave., Modesto

free admission, live music, free refreshments, GLBT artists and their work for sale

Many nice items for sale (think early holiday shopping!)

Antiques and collectibles of all sorts

Never worn clothing (sweaters, ties, and mor)

Decorator items

Great prices!

Donations welcome!

Please contact Alice Miller 526-8812 or Patrick Pokorny 404-0538

and **Watch this space for more info!**

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

September 10 & 24 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

September 17th 7pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room
1425 West "H", Oakdale
pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please come to this important new group in Oakdale

September 2 PROGRAM - A FILM

"...for the Bible tells me so."

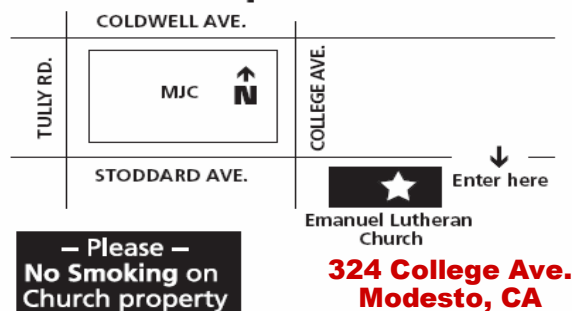
While the familiar tune and lyrics rings in our ears, this documentary film passes through a variety of religious organizations all of which profess Love as their justification for existence but given their behavior, their mission seems obscured.

Don't miss the lively discussion to follow.

PFLAG Mission Statement:
PFLAG promotes the health and well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons 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. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Have news to share or an item of interest? Want to receive the PFLAG Modesto newsletter electronically? Contact Marilyn Mettler at klizard@sprynet.com, leave a message on the helpline at 527-0776 or drop a line to P.O. Box 4311, Modesto,95352

Location Map:



September 14 **Birdcage**

Is an informal, monthly social gathering for GLBTs, allies and friends. Join the group at **Bacchus**

1200 "I" Street, downtown 5-9 PM

Want to be on the Birdcage e-mail list?

Contact **Patrick Pokorny** at **404-0538** or ndskills1@sbcglobal.net

September 16

PFLAG Bingo

MoFest! 4 coming in October

PFLAG Modesto's Fourth Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Film Festival will be held on National Coming Out day, Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Modesto. The festival will offer a matinee set of films and an evening set.

Donations are being gratefully accepted and will be recognized onscreen with name and logo (if applicable) at the following levels: Platinum - \$1000 and up, Gold - \$500 and up, and Silver - \$100 and up.

Your generous support of this event with a **donation of any amount** will help bring awareness of our GLBT members, add to the positive image of our gender-diverse community, and further our work with families of GLBT persons.

You may mail your check to PFLAG Modesto, P.O. Box 4311, Modesto, CA, 95352-4311. For more information on this or other events, please call (209) 527-0776 or visit our website, www.pflagmodesto.org.

At press time, our sponsors include:

Platinum: **AAA of California**

Gold: **Dr. Gary and Babette Wagner**
Modesto Junk Company

Silver: **Mel Nomann and John Crabb**
Betty Schroder
City of Modesto

Randy Siefkin, Modesto Film Society

Dean and Cathy Jennison

Dr. Lee and Marilyn Mettler

Louis and Kenni Friedman

RJ Moriconi and Tony Alonzo

Stephen Weaver and Len Revelli

Mike and Linda Gianelli

Lesbians in Central California

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.
Presents a fundraiser

DUCAL Ball 2008... "Miracle on 34th Street"

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Eagle's Hall - Modesto

Doors open at 7pm

Show starts at 8 pm

\$15.00 cover charge...raffles, food, fun, adult beverages

For more information please contact: Ryan (916) 204-3324

or Kiki (209) 241-0721

Or visit our website www.oesci.org

Save the date for PRIDE 2008...September 27

Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008 will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 11am to 7pm at Graceada park, in Modesto. This year's theme is "Live.Love.Be". Join the crowd for an outdoor community celebration of GLBT Pride with live music, entertainment, food, family, and fun! Stanislaus PRIDE Day celebrates Pride in the Central Valley and is the only celebration of its kind from Sacramento to Fresno! Open to all ages; expect seventy-five or more vendors, a beer and wine garden for adults, and local entertainers to take to the park's Mancini Bowl stage.

Modesto Reel Food Film Festival...Sept. 27

Sample sumptuous desserts and get a taste of the best in classic and contemporary international films about food and eating. Saturday, September 27, 2008, after PRIDE day in the park, at the State Theatre, 1307 J Street. Tasting Reception from 6:30-7:30, Spectrum School of Music Instrumental Ensemble at 6:45, Short Food Films at 7:30, intermission at 8:30, and feature film, "Big Night", at 8:45pm. Modesto Art Museum members and Modesto Film Society members are \$12 each, non-members are \$15. Purchase tickets by calling 527-4697, visiting www.thestate.org, at the State Theatre box office M-F, noon to 3pm, or at the festival.

Area clergy willing to officiate at same-sex marriages:

Bernadette Burns, DrBearsong@aol.com, (209) 538-3862

Jimmy or Michelle Vickery, (209) 538-6068

Opsa Daisy Florist, (209) 523-1830

Reverend Michael Schiefelbein, (209) 522-7244

Reverend Ralph Grzecki, Unity Church of Modesto, (209) 578-5433

Unitarian Universalist Church Reverends Grace Simons (209) 548-9070

Bill Greer (209) 577-3096, and Leroy Egenberger (209) 524-3075

Some websites of interest:

HeartStrong: heartstrong.org

Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc. (OESCI): oesci.org

PFLAG National: pflag.org

Stanislaus Community Assistance Project (SCAP): scap4.org
2209 Coffee Rd. Suite A, Modesto

Stanislaus PRIDE Center: stanpride.org

Visit a local open and accepting Spiritual Organization:

College Avenue Congregational Church - 1341 College Ave., Modesto: cacc-ucc.org/menu

First United Methodist Church - 850 16th Street, Modesto: fumcmodesto.org

Unitarian Universalist Church - 2172 Kiernan Ave., Modesto: stanuu.org

Unity Church of Modesto - 2467 Veneman Ave., Modesto: unityofmodesto.com