

# News & Views



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## Dates to Remember

### Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

### June 6

7PM support

8PM Program



Come to the PFLAG-Stanislaus PRIDE Center  
BBQ and Pride Parade Roundup!

PFLAG Modesto and the Stanislaus PRIDE Center are hosting the first of many collaborative events on

Sunday, June 11, 2006

4:00 P.M

Dean and Cathy Jennison's home  
925 College Ave.

Chicken provided by PFLAG, Modesto.

Iced tea, coffee  
provided and drink set-ups available for BYOB.

Ron Roos and others will BBQ the chicken. The remainder of the food will be pot-luck style. As a courtesy, please call Cathy Jennison at 527-3528 before June 7th and leave a message stating your name and phone number, how many in your party and what you will provide. If your last name starts with:

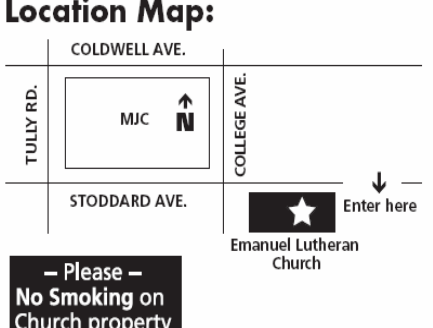
- A-H bring a green salad or cole slaw
- I-R bring potato, rice or pasta salad
- S-Z bring dessert; no ice cream please

We extend a special invitation to PFLAG and SPC parents of GLBT children, many of whom have been volunteers for local organizations representing the GLBT community.

Norman Rostad will have information and a sign up sheet available for the PFLAG Modesto contingency to the San Francisco Gay Pride parade which takes place June 25.

**We need your input**  
Do you have some news to share or an item of interest?  
Contact  
Marilyn Mettler  
klizard@sprynet.com  
or leave a message on the  
PFLAG helpline  
527-0776

**Location Map:**



— Please —  
No Smoking on  
Church property

The program for June is your chance to dialogue with the new board members for PFLAG Modesto. Please come share your ideas for the present, express your wants for the future and reflect on our past successes.

### June 11

PFLAG-SPC BBQ

### June 16

Stanislaus PRIDE  
Night

### June 18

**Birdcage** Is an informal, monthly social gathering for GLBTs, allies and friends. Join the group to celebrate SUMMER

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 at  
Tresetti's on 11th St. between  
I and J, from 5-9 p.m.

June 20  
SUMMER  
BINGO

## Stanislaus PRIDE Night Celebration June 16th!

Come enjoy the valley's first "Stanislaus PRIDE Night" celebration on Friday, June 16, 2006 at the Fat Cat Music House and Lounge, 930 11th St. in Modesto.

The evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, music and comedy begins at 6 p.m. with Modesto's talented Kate Trompeter on keyboards, followed by Denair-based musician Moon Trent. Comedians Tom Sharp and Brett Walkow will perform at 8:15 p.m.. After the comedy, the dance floor opens up for a 70's-themed dance party featuring Mother Lode DJ Charlie West and Fat Cat inhouse DJ Jon Boranian.

General admission tickets are \$10, VIP tickets, which include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, commemorative T-shirt, and door privileges throughout the evening, are \$50. T-shirts will be sold separately for \$15.

For more event details or information on tickets, visit the event website at [www.stanpride.com](http://www.stanpride.com), or call Keith Highiet at 404-4407.

Door and T-shirt proceeds go to the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, a non-profit public service corporation providing resources to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in Stanislaus and its surrounding counties.

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**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.

## Join PFLAG Merced for Giants Game Day !

PFLAG Merced is hosting a bus trip to the San Francisco Giants "Until there's a Cure" Day on July 23, 2006. This is an annual event to raise money and awareness to eradicate HIV/AIDS.

The bus has pickup locations in Merced and Modesto for the trip to the 1:05 game vs the San Diego Padres. Water and snacks will be provided

For more information on cost., departure and arrival times, game deposit slips and flyers, contact Jamie Shaw at [jshaw24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jshaw24@sbcglobal.net) or phone 209-725-8694.

Flyers with game deposit slips will be available at the PFLAG Modesto meetings on Tuesday, June 6 and 20.

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## Local Leaders Transition from Equality California to Marriage Equality USA-CA

*An announcement from Stephanie Stolte, Beth Holden and Jeff Gianelli:*

Due to rapidly changing circumstances concerning the issue of marriage equality within the state of California and across the country, the volunteer leaders within Equality California (EQCA) are leaving the organization to form Marriage Equality USA-California (MEUSA-CA) in order to become part of the long-term nationwide effort to achieve marriage equality.

EQCA will continue its effective statewide efforts on behalf of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community. Former Stanislaus County EQCA leaders Stephanie Stolte, Beth Holden and Jeff Gianelli will continue doing innovative grassroots organizing in Stanislaus County on behalf of MEUSA-CA, coordinating with EQCA whenever appropriate.

MEUSA is a nationwide organization, with chapters in other states as well as California, and is led by executive director Dr. Davina Kotulski, author of Why You Should Give a Damn About Gay Marriage". Dr. Kotulski and her wife Molly McKay, former field director of EQCA, are spearheading the MEUSA formation in California. Through creative, fun and heartfelt grassroots activism, MEUSA will help create change across the nation, and will aim to secure full rights and freedoms for GLBT individuals by working to legalize same-gender marriage. We are excited about this new growth opportunity for the marriage equality movement.

To join the MEUSA-CA chapter list, please log on to [www.marriageequality.org](http://www.marriageequality.org) and complete the online form.

If you would like to join us in our local efforts, please join us at our first chapter meeting on

**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

**6:30 p.m.**

**at the home of Jeff Gianelli**

**1177 Norwegian Ave. #2**

**Modesto, CA**

Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Thanks!

Stephanie Stolte, Beth Holden and Jeff Gianelli

Are you a PFLAG member and want to receive this newsletter electronically? Simply send me, Marilyn Mettler, [klizard@sprynet.com](mailto:klizard@sprynet.com), an e-mail with "PFLAG Newsletter" in the subject line and your name and e-mail address in the body of the text. The next issue of *News & Views* will arrive in your e-mail box. Thank you for helping us save postage costs.