

# News & Views



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## Dates to Remember

### Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
7-9PM

**September 5**

**7PM Program**

**8PM Support**

The PFLAG program for September 5 will be a reading and discussion of GLBT writings and poetry by **Lisa Verigin**, Executive Director of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. A former writing instructor at Georgia State University and the University of Nebraska, her work has been published in newspapers, magazines and literary journals, including GLBT journals *Bloom* and the *Gay and Lesbian Review*. She has also served on the editorial staff of *Prairie Schooner* and as writer-in-residence at Flagler College.



## A Word From Your PFLAG Modesto Librarian



Hi, my name is **Katherine Teixeira** and I am the librarian for PFLAG Modesto. Yes, we do have a library! Housed in the cabinet kept in the room next to our main meeting room, it contains about 250 books and 25 videos. These resources are available to anyone who attends a meeting.

There are no fixed due dates or late fees; just check out the books when you need them and return them for the next person to use.

Most of our books and videos are donated to the library. Some are from personal collections; others are purchased and given to the library. We maintain a "Wish List" of books at Amazon.com under the name "PFLAG Modesto". Here are a few of the titles currently on the wish list:

Is It a Choice? Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Gay & Lesbian People by Eric Marcus

Now That You Know: A Parents' Guide to Understanding Their Gay and Lesbian Children by Betty Fairchild, Nancy Hayward

**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.

Always My Child: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered or Questioning Son or Daughter by Kevin Jennings, Pat Shapiro (Contributor)

Daddy's Roommate (Alyson Wonderland) by Michael Willhoite

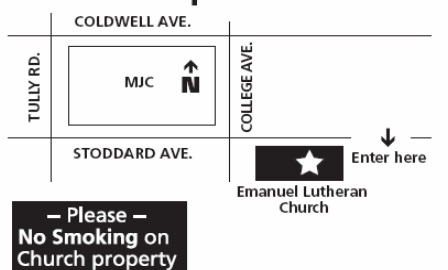
Heather Has Two Mommies: 10th Anniversary Edition (Alyson Wonderland) by Leslea Newman, Diane Souza (Illustrator)

Please visit the PFLAG Modesto wish list at Amazon.com. If there are other books you would like included or would like to donate to our library, please contact me at a meeting or send an e-mail to **katherine\_teixeira@hotmail.com**

**Library Help Wanted:** I will need help in October to label and reorganize the library collection. Contact me to find a convenient time...Katherine (e-mail as above)

**Archive Help Needed: Patrick Pokorny** has generously volunteered to be our archivist. If you have clippings, photos, or other items about PFLAG Modesto, or just want to help out, contact **Patrick** at 529-6070 or 404-0538 or email him at **ndskills1@sbcglobal.net**

### Location Map:



## September 17 Birdcage

is an informal, monthly social gathering for GLBTs, allies and friends. Join the group at the **Tiki Lounge , 932 McHenry Ave. 5-9 PM**

Many thanks to **Barry Jackson** for organizing this wonderful event for so many years! Want to be on the **new Birdcage** e-mail list? Contact **Gus Wagner** at **emailtiki@yahoo.com**

## September 19

# BINGO !

**PFLAG's "Angels" in Modesto**

Patrick Pokorny is known as one of the GLBT community's "angels". He is famous for his unflagging volunteer spirit and generosity of time and effort. Named SPC Star Volunteer in the April Stanislaus PRIDE Center newsletter, *PRIDE in Print*, Patrick has won awards for his work with the Stanislaus Community Assistance Project (SCAP) and is currently President of the Board of SCAP.

Over the Summer, Patrick and the men's social group he leads, got together, held a fundraising BBQ and donated the proceeds to PFLAG Modesto. Patrick presented \$175 to PFLAG Board Treasurer Cathy Jennison at a recent meeting.

A big THANK YOU to Patrick and all the men in the social group for their financial assistance to PFLAG Modesto. You help make it possible for PFLAG to fulfill its goal of creating a world in which our young people may grow up and be educated with freedom from fear of violence, bullying and other forms of discrimination, regardless of their real or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation or that of their families.

**HeartStrong's Mission Aided by PFLAG Modesto**

*An excerpt from Marc Adams' weekly e-newsletter:*

Last Tuesday (8/15), we held an educational forum hosted by PFLAG Modesto, CA. It is not typical for the Outreach Team to be treated to dinner before a presentation, but Cathy and Dean Jennison provided a wonderful dinner for us which was greatly appreciated. With our budget constraints we rarely eat anything other than cheap fast food. It was also announced that the chapter had decided to donate \$1000 to HeartStrong. This is the single largest donation to HeartStrong from any PFLAG chapter in the ten year history of our work. It is also the second largest donation to HeartStrong from any organization.

It was such an encouragement to receive this donation from PFLAG Modesto. Their commitment to support the work of Heartstrong was both encouraging and energizing.

*HeartStrong is a non-sectarian organization established to provide outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other persons adversely affected by the influence of all denominations of religious educational institutions. HeartStrong is also committed to educating the public about the persecution of GLBTs and others at religious educational institutions.*

**Websites of interest:**

**Stanislaus PRIDE Center:** [stanpride.org](http://stanpride.org) (check out the comprehensive calendar of activities and events for our area)

**HeartStrong:** [heartstrong.org](http://heartstrong.org)

**Lambda Legal:** [lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)

**Stanislaus Community Assistance Project (SCAP):** [scap4.org](http://scap4.org)

**PAY YOUR DUES EARLY - NOW!**

As a supporter of PFLAG, you enable us to continue and expand our work to keep families together and educate the public about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people.

October is PFLAG dues month and PFLAG Modesto would like to pay its dues to PFLAG National **early**. Help us do that by filling out and sending in the handy order form below!



**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Modesto Chapter**

**Membership**

**\$25 Membership per person** includes annual membership in local and national PFLAG chapters, monthly local newsletter and two semi-annual national newsletters.

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*Occasionally there is other local PFLAG news of timely interest. If you do NOT wish to be notified by e-mail check here*

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