

News & Views



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Dates to Remember

**One Meeting day ONLY
for October**

1st Tuesday from 7-9 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:
SCHEDULE CHANGE**



BINGO ! October 3rd

Luther Hall at the Emanuel Lutheran Church is being used for another purpose on our usual BINGO night, October 17. We will therefore have BINGO on the first Tuesday, October 3, with a support group available for those who want it.

See the back page for info on special BINGO prizes!

PFLAG Talent Night !

BACK FOR A SECOND SEASON!

PFLAG Modesto will once again host the world renown...

Cabaret Night and Talent Show

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Time: 7pm- 9pm

Place: Emanuel Lutheran Church,
324 College Ave.

In order for this to be a success, as it was two years ago, we need your talent whatever it might be!

Can you sing a song, dance a dance, spin a yarn, tell jokes, play an instrument, recite a poem? Great, we will need you!

Please sign up to be a performer or work behind the scenes NOW!

Contact Alice Miller at 526-8812 or send Alice an e-mail at miller_clan@juno.com.

Performers may choose to wear a costume or come in drag. Likewise for the audience...be comfortable and have fun!

SPC Benefit "OCTion"

**Sunday, October 8, 2006
4-7 pm**

**Mike and Linda Gianelli 's
6901 S. Park Ridge Ct., Riverbank**

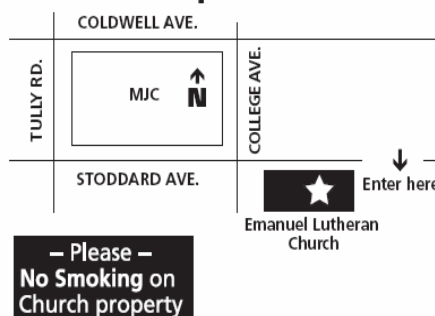
This is a perfect opportunity to find gifts for hard-to-buy-for loved ones. Among the already confirmed variety of unique and specialty-item donations are custom-made jewelry, boutique clothing, original artwork, a Tahoe Bed and Breakfast weekend, gift baskets, SF Giants tickets, and much more. "Oction" items will be viewed from 4-5 pm, with silent and live auction to follow. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments served. To assure your place, reservations can be made at 567-3121. Tickets are will-call with the \$10 per person admission collected at the entrance. Call now!

Library Help Wanted: I will need help in October to label and reorganize the library collection. Please contact me to find a convenient time...katherine_teixeira@hotmail.com
Please return your checked-out books!

No questions asked. We need to take inventory of what we really have in our library before purchasing new books.

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.

Location Map:



October 15 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

BOAF Tickets Special BINGO Prize

Four pairs of tickets to **Birds of a Feather** are the grand Bingo prizes this month. This annual dinner, raffle, silent auction and dance is held in Stockton at the historic Klamath Ferry on November 4th. **Come play Bingo October 3rd**, be the first winner in a game and put your card in Norman's hat for the drawing at the conclusion of the evening. (value is \$110 for the pair of tickets - a great prize for you and a guest!)

The Other Side of the Closet

October 30, 2006

**MJC West Campus,
Mary Stuart Rogers Learning Center
6 to 9 pm**

Free admission to this play that has been touring N. California secondary schools since 2000. A joint venture of the SF YouthAware Educational Theatre and the New Conservatory Theatre Center, this program promotes a safer school curriculum where students, teachers and parents can learn about diversity, acceptance and the CA Student Safety Act AB537. This is the story of five teens coping with such issues as peer pressure, youth violence and homophobia. Each performance is followed by a facilitated discussion with the cast.

Marriage Equality Speaker McKay in Modesto

Molly McKay, Media Director for Marriage Equality USA, will speak at the **Modesto Universal Unitarian Church** for the **9:15 and 11 am services** on **Sunday October 1, 2006**. The church is located at **2172 Kiernan Avenue, Modesto**. For more information call 545-1837. Ms McKay will address the negative impact of marriage discrimination, in particular the invalidation of the 4,000 marriage certificates issued in San Francisco and the discriminatory Federal Marriage Amendment. Marriage Equality is a national grassroots organization engaged in education and outreach. They are stopping at UU Congregations and other forums around the country. Some of the questions they address are: How exactly will marriages of opposite-sex couples be affected if same-sex couples obtain the right to legally recognize their unions? How is it, when secular marriage laws exist, that the suggestion of marriage equality is allowed to be framed as an attack against religion? What is it that we really fear! (published 9/25/06 SPC news page stanpride.org)

Marriage Equality USA, Stanislaus Chapter is organizing a community response to the decision by the California Court of Appeal on the marriage equality lawsuit. This decision is due by October 10. Whenever that decision happens, please come to 10th and J Streets from 5 to 7 pm to join in a response that is positive in its tone. If the decision is in our favor, we will celebrate this milestone towards equality. If the decision is not in our favor, we will share our disappointment and demonstrate our determination as the case is appealed to the California Supreme Court. Spread the word...for more info call chapter leader Beth Holden at 576-5207 or e-mail media@marriageequality.org

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2007 DUES!

If you have already paid your 2007 dues, we thank you! You may disregard this notice...

We know it seems as if you just paid your dues. Those were 2006 dues. Our dues campaign was late in getting started last year. October is dues month so it is now time to pay 2007 dues to PFLAG National. Please help us fulfill our chapter obligation by using the handy form below. Do it today! Thank you ...PFLAG Modesto



**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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City/zip _____

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