



News & Views



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Dates to Remember

Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

7 pm Support
8 pm Program

October 2



Catherine Johnson-Roehr
Curator of Art, Artifacts,
and Photographs at the
Kinsey Institute.
SEE STORY AT LEFT

October Speaker - Catherine Johnson-Roehr of the Kinsey Institute

PFLAG Modesto is proud to announce our upcoming speaker for October 2007 - Catherine Johnson-Roehr. Ms. Roehr has been the Curator of Art, Artifacts, and Photographs at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction since July of 2000. She has a master's degree in art history from the University of Oregon and library science from Indiana University. As curator at the Kinsey Institute, Catherine maintains and provides access to a unique and valuable collection of artwork, photographs, ephemera, and other visual research materials. She organizes public exhibitions from the collection and manages requests from researchers and the media. As the Kinsey Institute does not have funds to acquire artwork and other materials, Catherine works closely with donors to expand the scope of the collection through gifts of artwork and artifacts. She has edited several exhibition catalogs, including *Sex and Humor: Selections from the Kinsey Institute* and *Feminine Persuasion: Art and Essays on Sexuality*, both published by Indiana University Press. Her most recent project is an exhibition titled *Expressive Bodies: Contemporary Art Photography from the Kinsey Institute*, which will travel to several venues in Indiana in 2007-2008.

October 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

PFLAG WILL MEET IN YOUTH ROOMS - THERE WILL BE GUIDES TO ASSIST YOU

Please bring a dish...If your last name begins with:

- A - L** salad or appetizer
 - M - S** main dish
 - T - Z** dessert
- soft drinks and table service provided



Please join us for a
Pre-Program Pot Luck Dinner
at the home of Dean and Cathy Jennison

925 College Ave.
5 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 2, 2007
Please RSVP to 527-3528

October 16 BINGO



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:

COLDWELL AVE.
TULLY RD. MJC ↑ COLLEGE AVE.
STODDARD AVE. ↓ Enter here
Emanuel Lutheran Church
324 College Ave. Modesto, CA
— Please —
No Smoking on Church property

PFLAG Modesto has a new Executive Director !

Norman Rostad, co-founder of PFLAG Modesto, has retired as Executive Director after many years of dedicated service to our community. To take his place, the Board of Directors has selected Teryson Powers. This is her story in her own words:

"I was born and raised in northern San Diego County. I came out in my early 30's, after being married and divorced twice. When I came out, I came out in a **big** way. I displayed my colors freely and told everyone. It felt as though the more people I told, the freer I became. I had been so angry for so long, I literally felt happy and gay.

I became very involved with a Lesbian Social Group there and met a lot of very nice women. I was also a volunteer at our GLBT Community Center in San Diego County.

You can imagine the cultural shock I got when I moved to the Central Valley 7 years ago! I didn't know anyone and immediately sought out queer or queer-friendly people, open and affirming churches, and PFLAG. I had never been to a PFLAG meeting. However, since I had gone to a few Pride celebrations, and saw that PFLAG was one of the contingencies that received the most applause as they marched proudly by, I knew they existed. I found a church and PFLAG Modesto. I embraced them wholeheartedly and, being a person who likes to give back, started monitoring the PFLAG telephone helpline for the end of the month calls about 5 or 6 years ago. I still enjoy doing this volunteer work answering inquiries on the helpline.

I am currently involved with PFLAG, The Stanislaus PRIDE Center, PRIDE Day 2008, and the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The people I have met in PFLAG have become my family and I love them all for the support they give."

Catherine Johnson-Roehr of the Kinsey Institute will be at the College Avenue Congregational Church Fellowship Hall for discussion on Sunday, September 30, at 4 PM. Use this opportunity to meet her before the PFLAG program on Tuesday, October 2.

Has your address, phone number or e-mail address changed? Please let us know by contacting Marilyn at klizard@sprynet.com or 527-0776. We want you to be sure to get your newsletter and important information without interruption.

Need a Commitment Ceremony performed?

Non-denominational, private, ordained minister, the Reverend Vickery will perform your ceremony and donate the minister's fees to PFLAG. Contact 538-6068

IT REALLY IS TIME TO PAY YOUR 2008 DUES!

October is dues month, so it is now time to pay 2008 dues to PFLAG Modesto. Please help us fulfill our chapter dues obligation to PFLAG National by using the handy form below. Fill it out, write your check, and mail them in today!

Thank you ...PFLAG Modesto _____ ✂-



Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Modesto Chapter

Membership **\$25 per household** includes

annual membership in local and national PFLAG chapters, monthly local newsletter and two semi-annual national newsletters.

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