



# News & Views



**Celebrating Real Family Values**

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## Dates to Remember

### Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

**7 pm Support**  
**8 pm Program**

### January 1

We will discuss the new year's programs and ideas for fundraising. Please come give us your input...

## \* Cabaret Night & Talent Show \*

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

6:30 PM Silent Auction and White Elephant sale

Show begins at 7:15 PM

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 324 College Ave., Modesto

General donations begin at \$5

Appetizers, beverages, and grand talent will be provided.

Come early to get a good seat and great bargains!

Bring your friends and family!

Cabaret Night replaces Bingo for January 2008. Bingo resumes on its regular third Tuesday in February.

## Birdcage

### January 13

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](mailto:ndskills1@sbcglobal.net)

### PFLAG Receives BOAF Donation

This year's Birds of a Feather event on November 3rd was a grand event thanks to George Miranda, Wayne Yoder and their fabulously talented and organized committee. The evening yielded funds enough to allow BOAF to donate \$500 to PFLAG Modesto. We at PFLAG Modesto are very grateful for this much-needed donation. Thank you BOAF!

### PFLAG Board of Directors and Officers for 2008

Gordon Preston...President  
Jacqui Whitecloud...Vice President  
POSITION OPEN...Secretary  
Cathy Jennison...Treasurer  
Teryson Powers...Executive Director

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

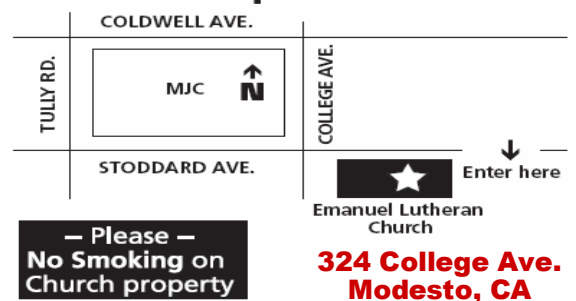
### January 15

**NO 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:



## Where your dues go...

In order for PFLAG Modesto to continue its good works, we need our membership to pay dues. Three quarters of our members have paid their dues to date. We continue to use the back page space to reiterate how your money is spent and, for those of you who are still delinquent, to include a handy membership form to print out and mail in along with your check. We must pay our national dues this month, so this will be the last plea on the back page.

Your dues go a long way both locally and nationally. Just ten dollars of your annual dues goes towards our local operating expenses...

- Provide meeting space twice monthly; 1st Tuesday - regular program and 3rd Tuesday - Bingo night
- Obtain Bingo supplies and refreshments (all prizes are donated)
- Printing and production costs for a monthly newsletter for our area
- Placement of an advertisement in the Modesto Teacher's Association publication, *MTA Best*
- Provide special event location for SCAP Gay Men's Chorus post-concert reception in December
- Placement of chapter name, logo and contact information in James Enoch's High School yearbook
- Professional financial accounting for the chapter
- Acquiring nationally known speakers
- Putting on a talent show, *Cabaret Night*, in January
- Maintenance of an internet presence at [pflagmodesto.org](http://pflagmodesto.org)
- Providing a Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, *MoFest 4*, coming in October of 2008
- Maintenance and acquisitions for our library of books and videos
- Monitoring a telephone helpline for our area
- Donate to other non-profits - Stanislaus Community Assistance Project, Birds of a Feather, and Stanislaus PRIDE Center

The remaining \$15 of your dues goes to PFLAG National where they are used to advocate for GLBT equality through civil rights legislation and legal protections, and to provide education and programs such as:

- **Straight for Equality:** The newest project designed to invite straight allies to be part of achieving equality for all
- **From Our House to the Schoolhouse:** Tools for creating safe schools and responding to harassment and bullying are at the center of these programs
- **Bringing the Message Home:** Annual in-district lobbying program that teaches everyday citizens how to become agents for change in their communities.
- **Welcoming Faith Communities:** Building connections between GLBT people and their families and faith communities
- **Families of Color Network:** Reaching out to ethnically diverse families of GLBT individuals

## One More time! PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

**October '07 was dues month! Thank you so much to those of you who paid your dues on time. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES YET, PLEASE HELP US OUT BY PAYING THEM NOW!**



### 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Unable to join at this time**

Please continue to send me the Newsletter.

**Make a donation** I have enclosed a donation to PFLAG Modesto in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer** Please call me to help. My special area of expertise is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

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