



News & Views



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Dates to Remember

Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

February 5

7 pm Support
8 pm Program

Leaders from Stanislaus Chapter of Marriage Equality USA will show a timely video, recruit people for *Let California Ring*, and update us on Equality in California. →→→

Cabaret Night & Talent Show 2008 a SMASH HIT!

Impresario Alice Miller and her committee have done it again! January 15th's Third Annual **Cabaret Night and Talent Show** was a wildly successful event, surpassing our own goals and expectations. Treasurer Cathy Jennison took \$1400 to the bank to help bolster PFLAG Modesto's treasury.

The Talent Show's diversified entertainment was spectacular, the silent auction and white elephant sale masterfully organized, the food varied and delicious, and the volunteer help from members and guests included greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the PFLAG members who provided food, came early to set up and stayed to clean up. Special thanks to Starbucks for donating coffee, HomeTown Buffet for the chicken tenders, Renee Warnock for the balloons, Langlois Music for providing the sound system and Keith Highiet for running it, Modesto Junk Company for the bottled water, Alice Miller for soft drinks, and all the fabulous performers who gave of their time and talents. Alice especially thanks "KiKi" for being the emcee for the evening. Congratulations to all on a wonderful community event!

Thanks to Alice's committee: Cathy Jennison, Marilyn Mettler, Patrick Pokorny, Teryson Powers, and Katherine Teixeira.

Birdcage

February 10

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**

February 19

BINGO!



PFLAG Board of Directors and Officers for 2008

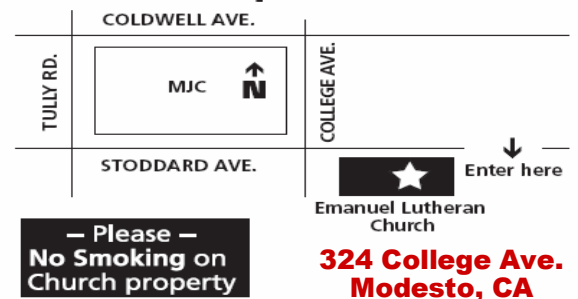
- Gordon Preston...President
- Jacqui Whitecloud...Vice President
- Sandra Shively...Secretary
- Cathy Jennison...Treasurer
- Teryson Powers...Executive Director

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

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:



What's Happening in 2008...*Program Notes*

February 5, 2008... Freedom to Marry Please join us for an exciting presentation by the Stanislaus Chapter of Marriage Equality USA. Co-chapter leaders Beth Holden and Vuthya Suor will give us an update on the state of Marriage Equality here in California and at the National level. They will show an important video from the *Let California Ring* campaign. "In the video, gay and lesbian couples, their families, friends, and supporters share personal stories, heartfelt reflections, and inspiring perspectives on the freedom to marry. If every Californian could see this video, well, we think the freedom to marry would have many more supporters...*Let California Ring* needs the help of supporters like you to change the hearts and minds in California. There are millions of Californians who support the LGBT community, but who STILL don't stand up for the freedom of gay and lesbian couples to marry - simply because they haven't heard from the people behind our fight." (The "M" Word, January 2008) Please come see the video and hear from Beth and Vuthya how you can help this movement for Marriage Equality in California.

February 10-16th is the 11th Annual *Freedom to Marry Week*, with Tuesday, February 12th designated as Freedom to Marry Day.

March 4...Transgender Terminology
March 18...St. Patrick's Bingo

April 1...Community Outreach with a local community leader

May 6...All Kinds of Mother's Stories

June 3...All Kinds of Father's Stories
June 17...Hawaiian Bingo

July 1..."Freedom"
July 15...Potluck and Game Night

August 5...Transgender program

September 2...to be announced

October 7...Coming Out Day and Self-Liberation
Saturday, October 11...MoFest 4, Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

November 4...Transgender program

December 2...Holiday Potluck Party
...programs subject to change...

Major Donations to PFLAG Modesto

PFLAG Modesto wishes to thank Mel Nomann, John Crabb, and Betty Schroder for their recent generous donations.

These donations have paid the hall rent for the year, and helped pay AT&T for the maintenance of the Helpline. Many, many thanks for your generosity Mel & John and Betty!

PFLAG Modesto has a new board member - Sandra Shively as Secretary. Sandra recently volunteered to be board secretary and attend both board and operations meetings to transcribe the proceedings. Thanks, Sandra! PFLAG Modesto also has a new committee for grant-writing and corporate donations - Bob Barzan, Cathy Jennison, Patrick Pokorny, Wanda Revelli, and Lewis and Shirley Woodward. Thanks so much for stepping forward to form this committee aimed at obtaining funding for the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.



Make a difference by voting and having your voice heard in the California Primary Election on **February 5, 2008**.

To view an online pdf of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Inc.'s comprehensive analysis, **The 2008 Presidential Candidates' Positions on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues**, go to:

http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/final_candidates_positions.pdf

