



News & Views



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Dates to Remember

Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

7 pm Support
8 pm Program

April 1

Kim Spina and Steven Grenbeaux from Modesto City Schools Board of Education join us to hear our concerns about safe schools for GLBT students.

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

April 9 and 23 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

starting May 7th

(see article on back)

April 13

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**

April 15

PFLAG BINGO

7 - 9 pm

"Friends of PFLAG Modesto"

Come to our first-ever



Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5

8 am to 2 pm both days

Emanuel Lutheran Church parking lot
324 College Avenue, across from MJC



Shop for fantastic bargains!

All proceeds go to support the educational programs of PFLAG Modesto
We will be accepting your generous donation of items Thursday, April 3, noon - 4 pm
Luther Hall, Emanuel Lutheran Church

For information call Alice Miller, 526-8812 or e-mail

miller_clan@juno.com

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.

Have news to share or an item of interest? Want to receive the PFLAG Modesto newsletter electronically? Contact Marilyn Mettler at klizard@sprynet.com, leave a message on the helpline at 527-0776 or drop a line to P.O. Box 4311, Modesto, 95352-4311.

Location Map:



— Please —
No Smoking on Church property

Emanuel Lutheran Church
324 College Ave.
Modesto, CA

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

A new PFLAG Modesto support group will start having meetings in Oakdale Wednesday, May 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Golden Oaks Conference room of the Oak Valley Medical Building, 1425 West "H" St. The room has currently been reserved for 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Adjustments to the dates and frequency of meetings can be made when interested parties gather in May. Information and ideas for organizing and publicity can be sent to Michael McKibban at pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Transgender Terminology Meeting in March

By Catherine Jennison

The March 4th program and support meeting launched "The Year of the Transgender" series of programs for PFLAG Modesto with Katherine Teixeira introducing transgender terminology. Twenty people gathered for the presentation, with four new attendees. The group represented a wide spectrum from the gay, straight, and transgender community. There was great interest in the topic and discussion, participation, and dialogue continued past the 9 pm closing time. If this meeting is any indication, we are off to a good start with this extraordinary first meeting acquainting the community with transgender terminology. Katherine gave us so much in one evening; a very thorough list of transgender terms which is circulating the community right now, thoughts on human sexuality to ponder, sharing on a personal level unheard of in PFLAG, and more to explore in the coming months. Thank you, Katherine, for a very special and informative evening!

Some websites of interest:

HeartStrong: heartstrong.org

Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc. (OESCI): oesci.org

PFLAG National: pflag.org .

Stanislaus Community Assistance Project (SCAP): scap4.org

New location - 2209 Coffee Rd. Suite A

Stanislaus PRIDE Center: stanpride.org

Visit a local open and accepting Spiritual Organization:

College Avenue Congregational Church - 1341 College Ave., Modesto: cacc-ucc.org/menu

First United Methodist Church - 850 16th Street, Modesto: fumcmoesto.org

Unitarian Universalist Church - 2172 Kiernan Ave., Modesto: stanuu.org

Unity Church of Modesto - 2467 Veneman Ave., Modesto: unityofmodesto.com

PFLAG Modesto has a MySpace Page

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Renee Warnock, PFLAG Modesto now has a colorful MySpace page at <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=334664828> If you have content to include or need information, contact Renee at eener1116@yahoo.com

Pride'08 commences with 'Spring Fling' April 5th

Stanislaus PRIDE Center press release, March 21, 2008.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th, 2008, from 5 pm to midnight for a "Spring Fling" at Eagle's Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto. This event is hosted by the Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008 Committee and the Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Incorporated.

The event is open to ages 18 and up only. Tickets are available at the door, and are \$15.00 per person.

The dance party features a Dating Game hosted by "Sondra St. James", a popular drag queen from Stockton with a cult-like following. She's sassy, saucy and she tells it like it is...

The evening's DJ, Diane Pena of Kustom Stars Mobile DJ Service, is a favorite amongst attendees of past Bay Area Community of Women (BACW) dances, as she provided music for such events for many years. Diane is retiring from her full time job in April to turn her DJ hobby into a full time career. The "Spring Fling" is the first of a series of year-long pride activities in the greater Modesto area. May 17th will feature a comedy night with Karen Ripley (a favorite of LOGO TV viewers) at the State Theatre, followed by the Fellow Travelers GLBT historical photo exhibit (in partnership with the Modesto Art Museum) in June at Café Deva, and then the area's third pride celebration on September 27th at Graceada park in Modesto: Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008. [Contact the SPC for more information: 209-338-0855 or e-mail info@stanpride.org]