



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

August 5

Our librarian, Katherine, will lead an exercise in perceptions of sexuality and transgender issues.

SHhhh...It's a SURPRISE!

PFLAG Modesto will be honoring co-founders Linda Warden and Norman Rostad, along with a big thanks to all past presidents, in lieu of the September 2nd general support meeting.

Norman and Linda began holding meetings in May of 1993 after becoming acquainted at a PFLAG convention in New Orleans. That means PFLAG in Modesto is 15 years old thanks to them! Please come and share what the founding of PFLAG in Modesto has meant to you.

Tom Martin and his mom, Helen, are searching for and alerting PFLAG "old-timers" to invite them to share "what PFLAG meant to me". If you are an "old-timer", or know one, and would like to attend, please contact Tom at 742-6318 or Helen at 529-0353.

Hopefully, this meeting will be a surprise...Norman thinks he is showing a video that night, "For the Bible Tells Me So". A separate newsletter is being distributed to Norman and Linda that does not have this announcement in it. Remember ... IT'S A SURPRISE!

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

August 13 & 27 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

August 20 7pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room
1425 West "H", Oakdale
pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please come to this important new group in Oakdale

FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"

when: Friday, August 1, Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3

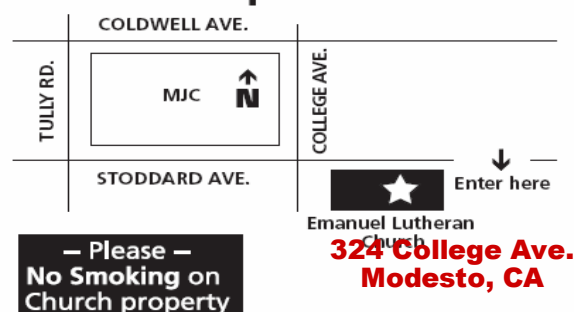
time: 8am 'til "late"

location: 2317 Tully Rd at Mt. Vernon

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

Location Map:



August 10

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

August 19

PFLAG Bingo

MoFest! 4 coming in October

PFLAG Modesto's Fourth Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Film Festival will be held on National Coming Out day, Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Modesto. The festival will offer a matinee set of films and an evening set.

Can you remember the first movie you saw in which you could see your sexual orientation in a positive light? The first time you looked on the big screen and knew you were not the only person who felt like you did? MoFest 4 is looking for individuals willing to share that moment in their lives. If you are interested in being interviewed and filmed, call the PFLAG helpline at 527-0776.

Donations are being gratefully accepted and will be recognized onscreen with name and logo (if applicable) at the following levels: Platinum - \$1000 and up, Gold - \$500 and up, and Silver - \$100 and up.

Your generous support of this event with a **donation of any amount** will help bring awareness of our GLBT members, add to the positive image of our gender-diverse community, and further our work with families of GLBT persons.

You may mail your check to PFLAG Modesto, P.O. Box 4311, Modesto, CA, 95352-4311. For more information on this or other events, please call (209) 527-0776 or visit our website, www.pflagmodesto.org.

At press time, our sponsors include:

Platinum: **AAA of California**

Gold: **Dr. Gary and Babette Wagner**

Silver: **Mel Nomann and John Crabb**

Betty Schroder

City of Modesto

Randy Siefkin

Dean and Cathy Jennison

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.
Presents a fundraiser

DUCAL Ball 2008... "Miracle on 34th Street"

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Eagle's Hall - Modesto

Doors open at 7pm

Show starts at 8 pm

\$15.00 cover charge...raffles, food, fun, adult beverages

For more information please contact: Ryan (916) 204-3324

or Kiki (209) 241-0721

Or visit our website www.oesci.org

From Geoff Kors, Exec. Director of Equality California...

July 26, 2008

"I'd like to share some good news about Proposition 8!"

This week, the California Attorney General's office announced changes to the title and summary of the proposition. Here's what the voters will read in November:

Proposition 8

ELIMINATES THE RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Changes California Constitution to eliminate right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

Fiscal Impact: over the next few years, potential revenue loss, mainly sales taxes, totaling in the several tens of millions of dollars, to state and local governments. In the long run, likely little fiscal impact to state and local governments.

Although the changes to the proposed amendment are subject to legal challenge, this summary accurately describes what the proposition will do. Prop 8 would eliminate a constitutional right guaranteed to same-gender couples and would decrease revenues coming in to the state from marriages between same-gender couples."

Area clergy willing to officiate at same-sex marriages:

Bernadette Burns, DrBearsong@aol.com, (209) 538-3862

Jimmy or Michelle Vickery, (209) 538-6068

Opsa Daisy Florist, (209) 523-1830

Reverend Michael Schiefelbein, (209) 522-7244

Reverend Ralph Grzecki, Unity Church of Modesto, (209) 578-5433

Unitarian Universalist Church Reverends Grace Simons (209) 548-9070

Bill Greer (209) 577-3096, and Leroy Egenberger (209) 524-3075

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

2209 Coffee Rd. Suite A, Modesto

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:

fumcmodesto.org

Unitarian Universalist Church - 2172 Kiernan Ave., Modesto:

stanuu.org

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

unityofmodesto.com