



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

October 7

Come see "For the Bible Tells Me So"...see blurb at left

October 7th PROGRAM - A FILM

"...for the Bible tells me so."

While the familiar tune and lyrics rings in our ears, this documentary film passes through a variety of religious organizations all of which profess Love as their justification for existence but given their behavior, their mission seems obscured.

Don't miss the lively discussion to follow.

It was a GREAT Surprise!

PFLAG Modesto honored its co-founders Linda Warden and Norman Rostad with a surprise celebration at the September 2nd meeting. Norman and Linda established this chapter and began holding meetings in May of 1993 after becoming acquainted at a PFLAG convention in New Orleans.



In a room filled with love, fifty-six grateful people shared what the founding of PFLAG in Modesto meant to them; it was truly a memorable evening.

Many thanks to the PFLAG volunteers who worked to make this surprise event happen, in particular, Tom Martin, and his mom, Helen; Lee Mettler, with sound equipment, making it possible for everyone to be heard; and Cathy Jennison for obtaining the lovely cake donated by Village Baking Company. Thanks so much to all of you!

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

October 8 & 22nd 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

October 15th 7pm

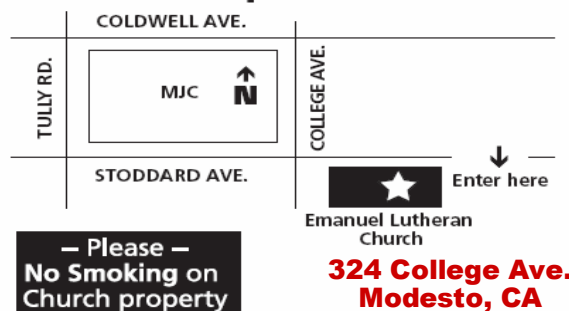
Golden Oaks Conference Room
1425 West "H", Oakdale
pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please come to this important new group in Oakdale

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:



October 12 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

October 21 PFLAG Bingo

MoFest! 4 Sponsors

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**

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Modesto Junk Company

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Silver: **Mel Nomann and John Crabb**

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City of Modesto

Randy Siefkin, Modesto Film Society

Dean and Cathy Jennison

Dr. Lee and Marilyn Mettler

Louis and Kenni Friedman

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Stephen Weaver and Len Revelli

Mike and Linda Gianelli

Lesbians in Central California

Lewis and Shirley Woodward

Barry Jackson and Robert VanTassel

In kind donations:

Save Mart

Safeway

Hometown Buffet

Art and Collectibles Sale

sponsored by Friends of PFLAG Modesto

Friday, October 24, 7-9 pm &

Saturday, October 25, 1-4 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 324 College Ave., Modesto

SEE ATTACHED FLYER

Membership Dues Drive progress...

To date, 33% of our membership have paid their dues. This is a fantastic response! Thank you so much.

We hope the rest of you will put your check in the mail today, dues are only \$25 per household.

Press Release ... MoFest Film lineup

PFLAG Modesto will be hosting the fourth annual **MoFest** film festival all day Saturday October 11th at the State Theatre, 1307 "J" Street in downtown Modesto. This event includes premier screenings of short and feature films celebrating the diverse lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

The matinee starts with a reception at 2PM. The films begin with a special showing of short interviews with area residents at 2:30. Following the interviews will be a short comedy film, **King County** (2007), in which a community theatre company searches for the next 80's movie to turn into a Broadway smash hit. Another short is next, **How Do I Say This? I'm Gay**, (2007), about a talk show aimed at college students dealing with the tribulations of coming out. The matinee feature is **Tru Loved**, (2008), a high school story with a happy ending, written and directed by Stewart Wade..."recently relocated from San Francisco to conservative suburbia by her lesbian mothers, Tru struggles like all teens to fit in and find love..."

The evening celebration starts with another reception at 6PM. Short interviews of local residents begins at 6:45, followed by **King County** and **How Do I Say This? I'm Gay**. The feature of the night will be the award-winning **Were the World Mine** (2008), written and directed by Tom Gustafson, "If you had a love potion, who would you make fall madly in love with you?"

Tickets are \$10 for each show, or \$15 for those attending both, and can be purchased from PFLAG members or at the door.

For more information visit www.pflagmodesto.org or call 527-0776

Area clergy willing to officiate at same-sex marriages:

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

Jimmy or Michelle Vickery, (209) 538-6068

Oopsa 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