



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

Vote! Then come to

November 4

Learn about Transgender Myths with Katherine, our librarian/expert

MoFest! 4 Film Festival Followup

The atmosphere at the October 11 MoFest 4 was relaxed and friendly and the films selected by our committee were well received. "Uplifting" and "positive" were some of the comments heard describing the films. Attendance was light, but all who were there were well satisfied with the delicious and hearty appetizers and happily entertained by the screenings. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who helped make MoFest a success. We wish to thank our generous sponsors and donors once again...

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Lesbians in Central California

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Save Mart

Safeway

Hometown Buffet

O'Brien's Market

Interview filming:

Thanks to Jeff Carnegie and

Shane Graff for their excellent

footage of interviews with local

residents. Well done!

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

November 12 & 26 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational

Church, corner of College and

Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

November 19 th 7pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room

1425 West "H", Oakdale

pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please come to this important new group in Oakdale

November 9

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?

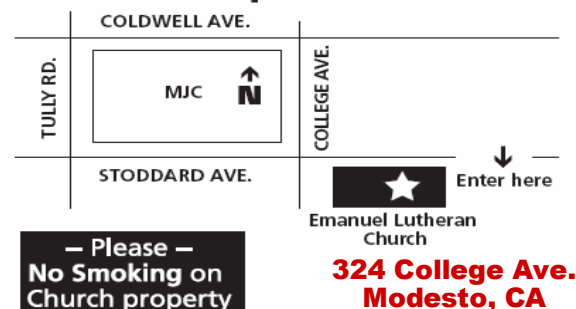
Contact **Patrick Pokorny** at **404-0538** or

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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:



November 18

PFLAG Bingo

Many thanks to Patrick, Ron and Jim for the great prizes last month!

Wedding Donations to PFLAG

The following individuals have made donations to PFLAG in honor of Cathy Postma and Deborah Childers who were married October 18th at the College Avenue Congregational Church: **Carol Hartman, Alice Miller, Davida Sue Fair, Velma Tinkler, Melvin and Kathleen Silveira.** Thank you for your generosity! Donations to PFLAG of a similar nature are always welcome. Mail to PO Box 4311, Modesto, CA 95352

Thanks to PRIDE Day volunteers

Alice Miller wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped staff the PFLAG Booth for PRIDE Day September 27th.

Holiday Party in December

PFLAG Modesto will have its annual Holiday Party on December 2nd in lieu of our regular support and program meeting. This year we will hold the pot-luck dinner at Emanuel Lutheran Church Luther Hall, where we usually meet for program and Bingo. If your last name begins with:

A-L please bring a MAIN DISH

M-S please bring a DESSERT

T-Z please bring an APPETIZER or SALAD

soft drinks and table service will be provided

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

Membership Dues Drive progress...

To date, 49% 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!

Oakdale High Gay-Straight Alliance to Present *The Other Side of the Closet* November 17

Harassment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation remains persistent in California schools. Thousands of middle and high school students each year are targets of verbal and/or physical abuse. Touring Northern California schools every fall since 2000, *The Other Side of the Closet* supports a safer school curriculum wherein students, teachers, and parents can learn about diversity and acceptance in an innovative and engaging format. Set in and around a high school, this hard-hitting play tells the story of five teens who are grappling with issues of peer pressure, youth violence, homophobia, behavior norms, expectations, discrimination, and identity.

On November 17, Oakdale High GSA, with support from PFLAG Modesto, will present *The Other Side of the Closet*. This production will be staged in the Oakdale High School Little Theater. Curtain time is 7pm. This is a presentation of the student club, Gay-Straight Alliance, and not Oakdale High School.

For more information, contact the Oakdale GSA advisor, Michael McKibban at pflagoakdale@dishmail.com

Vote on November 4 !

Please exercise your right to vote by casting your ballot on November 4! Of particular importance to us is Proposition 8 which seeks to amend the California Constitution and reads as follows in the Official Voter Information Guide: *Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.* Here is what Senator Diane Feinstein has to say in her TV ad: "Proposition 8 would be a terrible mistake for California. "It's about discrimination and we must always say NO to that."

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