



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

EXCEPT DECEMBER

Come to our
Holiday Potluck
December 2, 7-9 pm

PFLAG Modesto HOLIDAY POT LUCK

Tuesday, December 2

from 7 - 9 pm

Luther Hall

Emanuel Lutheran Church

(where we usually meet for program and Bingo)

So we don't end up with a table full of green jello, we suggest the following:
If your last name ends with...

A - L please bring a **MAIN DISH**

M - S please bring a **DESSERT**

T - Z please bring an **APPETIZER OR SALAD**

Table service, soft drinks and coffee will be provided

Come have fun and food with friends!

Questions? Call Cathy 527-3528 or Marilyn 527-0205

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

December 10 & 24 7-9 pm
College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

December 17th 7pm

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

Please come to this important new group in Oakdale

December 16

PFLAG Bingo

We meet in the Youth Rooms of Emanuel Lutheran Church this month

Coming in January !

CABARET AND TALENT NIGHT

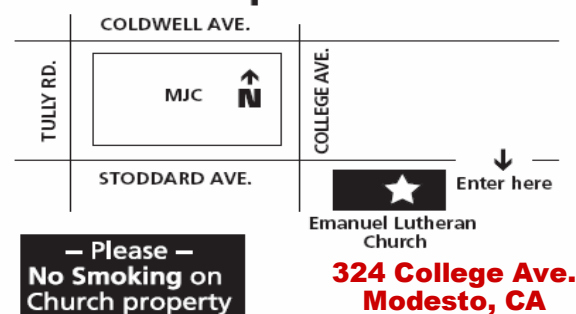
Instead of Bingo January 20th

WE NEED TALENT!
Call Jeff Carnegie and Shane Graff if you are talented and entertaining
923-3501

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:



Tentative Programs for 2009

We have been busy planning the programs for next year. We will focus on Gay/Straight Alliances. Here are some of the programs we have in store:

- Several programs with students from local high schools in Gay Straight Alliances
- GLBTQ teen group at College Avenue Congregational Church to speak to us about their group and the 7 Straight Nights program
- Presentation about the Gender Studies program at Stanislaus State University
- A panel of clergy from local churches
- Mother's and Father's Day programs
- GLBT speakers who are veteran military
- Cabaret and Talent Night
- Safe schools
- An attorney to speak about the legal aspects of marriage vs. domestic partnership for GLBT
- Informative program about the Owl Empire
- Youth welcome to attend support group meetings

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, 54% of our membership have paid their dues. We are getting closer to being able to pay National PFLAG our yearly dues. I will be contacting those of you who haven't paid your dues within the next few weeks. If you would rather avoid the delinquent notice, **PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

Thirty Years Since Moscone & Milk Assassinations

Excerpted from the San Francisco Chronicle...Sunday, November 23, 2008
Ruthe Stein

How events unfolded

1972: Harvey Bernard Milk - native of New York's Long Island (born in 1930), high school football player, Korean War veteran, former insurance salesman, high school teacher and Wall Street researcher, and onetime Barry Goldwater supporter - moves to San Francisco and opens a camera store. Milk had recognized his homosexuality as a teenager.

1973: As the gay rights movement gathers steam, Milk makes his first run for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. In the following years, he will capitalize on the reaction of San Francisco's gay community to such activist opponents of gay rights as Florida singer Anita Bryant and California state Sen. John Briggs.

1977: Milk is finally elected, on his third try, to the Board of Supervisors.

1978: On Nov. 27, former San Francisco firefighter and Supervisor Dan White, who had clashed with Milk on the board, enters City Hall with a gun and kills Mayor George Moscone, then walks to Milk's office and kills him. White had resigned from the Board of Supervisors, then sought to be reappointed, but Moscone turned him down.

1979: On May 21, Dan White is convicted of manslaughter after a controversial defense that argued his consumption of junk food had been a sign of depression. This became derisively known as the "Twinkie defense." White was given a seven-year sentence, of which he would serve five.

When White's conviction became known to the public, a sizable crowd marched from the Castro to City Hall, and their anger - many thought White should have been convicted of murder - eventually erupted into a riot in which a dozen police cars were burned. Later, police retaliated by attacking patrons of a Castro bar called the Elephant Walk. These disturbances became known as the White Night Riots.

1984: On Jan. 6, Dan White is paroled.

1985: On Oct. 21, Dan White commits suicide in the garage at his wife's San Francisco home.

A more complete account of Milk's life is available in a book by onetime Chronicle reporter Randy Shilts titled "The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk."

To see a trailer for the movie, "Milk", go to <http://links.sfgate.com/ZFZ> <http://www.imdb.com/video/imdb/vi3858547225/>