



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

January 6

Come find out more about
the Owl Empire; what it is
and what it does.

January 11

Birdcage

Is an informal, monthly social
gathering for GLBTs, allies and
friends. Join the group at

Bacchus

1200 "I" Street, downtown

5-9 PM

Contact **Patrick Pokorny** at

404-0538 or

ndskills1@sbcglobal.net

GLBTQ YOUTH GROUP

January 14 & 28 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational
Church, corner of College and
Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

January 21 7-9 pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room

1425 West "H", Oakdale

pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please join the group in Oakdale!

We will miss you, Wanda

by Len Revelli, her son

Wanda Revelli, one of PFLAG Modesto's fiercest mothers and advocates, passed away on December 18, 2008, due to lung cancer; her family was by her side...she went peacefully.

Wanda was born in Santa Cruz, California, in 1931 and was raised in Vallejo by parents working in ship-building on some of World War II's naval fighting fleet. As Wanda grew up, she was involved as a drum majorette in high school and elected homecoming queen at Santa Rosa Junior College, where she was a music major. There she met her husband, Al Revelli, also a musician. They were married for 57 years. The first years of their marriage were spent in Germany and Europe following the war.

Wanda enjoyed dancing, tennis, and had a wonderful network of friends.

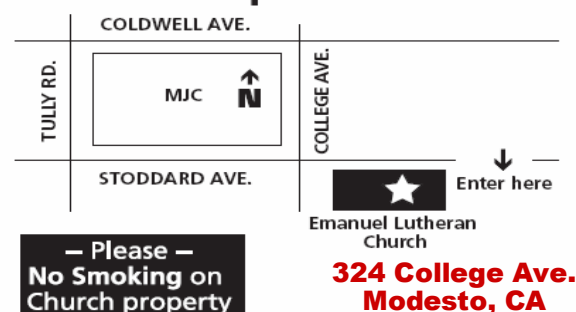
Wanda became involved with PFLAG Modesto and considered its group of parents and GLBT warriors her extended family. She loved her PFLAG family and will be missed both for her contributions to the organization as co-chair and perennial party refreshment organizer as well as her often devilish humor. She was 77 years old.

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:



January 20
NO PFLAG Bingo
CABARET TALENT
NIGHT (see back page)

IN MEMORIAM

PFLAG Modesto members Keith Highiet and Betty Schroder have made generous donations in memory of Wanda Revelli who passed away December 18, 2008. Thank you Betty and Keith for your thoughtfulness in honor of our dear Wanda.

At any time, if you would like to make an in memorium gift to PFLAG Modesto, please send your donation to
P.O. Box 4311, Modesto, CA. 95352-4311

PFLAG Modesto

Receives BOAF Donation

This year's Birds of a Feather (BOAF) event on November 22nd at the beautiful River Mill in French Camp was a spectacular event thanks to George Miranda and his excellent committee. The evening yielded funds enabling BOAF to donate a very generous \$1000 to PFLAG Modesto. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you!

Friends of PFLAG Modesto present:

Cabaret Night Talent Show 2009



Tuesday, January 20

From 7 to 10 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Luther Hall

324 College Avenue

Modesto

General donations begin at \$5
twelve and under free

Light refreshments and raffle prizes!



Proceeds to benefit the
education fund for PFLAG Modesto

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, 71% 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 are still delinquent in the next week. If you would rather avoid the delinquent notice, **PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

Tentative Programs for 2009

January 6... Owl Empire-speaker to inform about purpose of group

February 3...Speaker from Cal State Stanislaus to speak about new Degree in Gender Studies

March 3...Gay Straight Alliance with advisor

April 7...Safe Schools Program

May 5...Mother's Day program

June 2...Father's Day program

July 7...GLBT veteran speaker, gay military

August 4...Attorney to speak about legalities of domestic partnerships vs. marriage

September 1...GLBTQ Teen Group at CACC to speak about their group purpose, activities

October 6...Clergy panel, question and answer

November 3...Transgender Remembrance Day

December 1...Holiday Potluck