



News & Views



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Two Timely Topics for February Program

Our first presenter, Estrella Garcia, is seeking volunteer participants to collaborate with her for a Masters of Social Work thesis project. She will be explaining her unique approach to creating educational material about methamphetamine usage prevention in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community. (see poster on back page of this publication)

Betsy Eudey, Associate Professor/Director in Gender Studies from the Department of Ethnic and Gender Studies and Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning at California State University Stanislaus will be explaining how she established the Gender Studies program at CSUS and what practical applications/jobs are available. She coordinates program and curriculum development for the Gender Studies program that includes over 30 courses and 25 affiliated faculty.

Her research and teaching interests include: gender and education - gender inclusiveness in the curriculum; women's and gender studies as disciplines; cultural studies - feminist and gender activism in cultural contexts; gender theory and philosophy; online teaching and learning.

Applications for the program will be available for interested parties.

Dates to Remember

Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
every month

7 pm Support

8 pm Program

February 3

Join us to hear Dr. Betsy Eudey from Gender Studies at CSUS and Estrella Garcia, CSUS graduate student, with her collaborative methamphetamine study.

February 8

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

February 11 & 25 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

February 18 7-9 pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room

1425 West "H", Oakdale

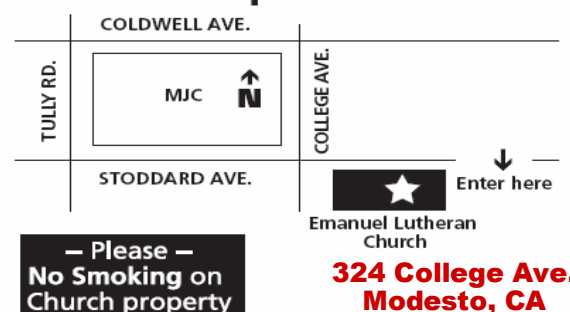
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Please join the group in Oakdale!

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:



February 17
PFLAG Bingo

IN MEMORIAM GIFTS

Modesto community members **Keith Highiet, Betty Schroder, Ted and Margaret Leaman, Dr. RJ Moriconi and Tony Alonzo, Lewis and Shirley Woodward, and Margie Lipsky** have made generous donations in memory of **Wanda Revelli** who passed away December 18, 2008. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness in honor of our dear Wanda.

If you would like to make an in memoriam gift to PFLAG Modesto at any time, please send your tax-deductible donation to P.O. Box 4311, Modesto, CA. 95352-4311. We will be happy to acknowledge your contribution in the *News & Views*.

February 12 is Freedom to Marry

Day For the 5th year in a row, Stanislaus County will be celebrating **Freedom to Marry Day**. Marriage Equality USA Stanislaus County Chapter is calling on **all unmarried same-sex couples** to take a stand for their rights and request a marriage license at the **Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder's Office, 1021 "I" St., downtown Modesto at 12 noon on Thursday, Febru-**

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: fumcmoesto.org

Unitarian Universalist Church - 2172 Kiernan Ave., Modesto: stanuu.org

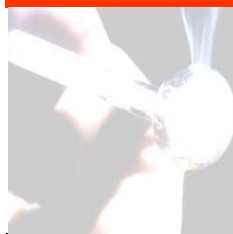
Unity Church of Modesto - 2467 Veneman Ave., Modesto: unityofmodesto.com

Collaborative STUDY Recruitment

Participants are needed for a **Masters of Social Work** thesis project.

Participate in a small collaborative study to empower the Stanislaus County GLBT community in educating itself about the street drug methamphetamine and its usage.

YOU HELP DETERMINE WHAT PROGRAM IS CREATED!

Take Action Against Meth!**Project Timeline:**

Once a month meetings starting January 28, 2009, through the end of April 2009.

Refreshments provided

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Tentative Programs for 2009

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

February 3... Betsy Eudey from Cal State Stanislaus to speak about new Degree in Gender Studies PLUS Estrella Garcia, Collaborative Project Methamphetamine Study Thesis

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