



News & Views



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AB 724 - Important legislation for same-sex couples

Excerpts from an April 22, 2009 commentary by Boyce Hinman of the California Communities United Institute...

“On April 14, the Assembly Judiciary Committee unanimously approved a bill (AB 724) that brings significant new rights to same-sex couples in California.

...Eventually, when the federal government recognizes same-sex marriage, the right to marry could have some practical advantage over domestic partnership. But that could be years off, while AB 724 offers immediate new benefits for same-sex couples.

AB 724 helps same-sex couples who live together in a home that just one of them owns. It creates a standardized form (called a revocable transfer on death deed) that the owner of their home can fill out to grant ownership of their home to the other partner immediately upon the death of the owner. That protects the survivor against the relatives of the home owner. They can't take the home away from the survivor and throw him or her out on the street. Plus, the survivor gets immediate title to the home. It does not have to go through the lengthy, expensive probate process as would be the case if the owner willed the home to his or her partner.

On the other hand, a sad number of same-sex couples break up. In that case the owner of the home probably would not want his or her ex-partner to get their home. In that situation AB 724 provides a very simple way to create a new deed revoking the original deed. And since there are standardized forms, all of this can be done without the expense of hiring an attorney.

...Hopefully, AB 724 will make it all the way through the legislative process and be signed by the Governor.

But we could use help to make that happen...For information on how to support AB 724, write to: b.hinman@CalComUI.org or call (916) 728-1261...Boyce Hinman”.

Dates to Remember

We meet on the
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
every month

7 pm Support
8 pm Program

May 5

We will honor Wanda Revelli and present a distinguished panel of PFLAG Moms...
MaryRose Shelton, Helen Martin and Marylou Hacker. Please come participate in this very special program!

May 17

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

May 13 & 27 7-9 pm
College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

May 20 7- 8:30 pm
Golden Oaks Conference Room
1425 West "H", Oakdale
pflagoakdale@dishmail.net
Please join the group in Oakdale!

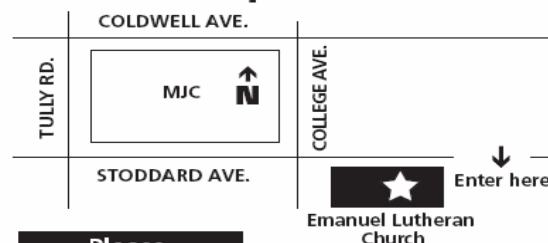
May 19
PFLAG Bingo

Many thanks to those of you who have donated Bingo prizes

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:



— Please —
No Smoking on Church property

324 College Ave.
Modesto, CA

OUR WISH LIST

Please check out PFLAG Modesto's wish list at **Amazon.com** and make a contribution to our library by purchasing a book. Just go to **Amazon.com** and click on "gifts and wish lists" in the blue bar at the top of the page. Type in "PFLAG Modesto" when the "search wish lists and registries" field appears. Have the book shipped to you and bring it to a meeting so we can thank you!

THANK YOU

to Greg Highfill in Florida, formerly of Modesto, and the anonymous donors who responded to the wish list last month. We now have six new books in our library!

A message on behalf of the PFLAG Modesto Board of Directors: One and all...Please contact me at if you have any ideas or suggestions regarding special or ongoing events you would like to see at PFLAG. Presently we provide support meetings, featured conversations with community experts and GLBT community members at large, and Bingo nights. I am available to field your ideas: Len Revelli at lrevelli@leavittweaver.com ; telephone 209-521-5125 X15.

Pre-Pride Day Rummage Sale!

Make PRIDE a community effort! Help to raise funds for Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2009 by **donating** items to **The Rummage Sale**

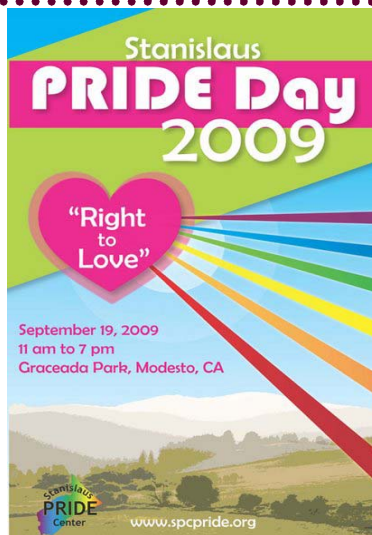
New and gently-used clothing, furniture, collectibles, books, housewares, antiques and more.

The Rummage Sale will be held **June 5th & 6th**, location **TBD**. For more information, please visit

www.spcpride.org

Contact Patrick Pokorny (404-0538) or Tery Powers (620-0506) about your items to be delivered or picked up.

Congratulations to Chanita Intawan for creating the winning design for this year's Pride event. Chanita is a student at UC Merced and loves all forms of art. She paints, designs, plays guitar, and writes poetry.



All Gay-Straight Alliances in Stanislaus County
present:

The Rainbow Prom

EVERYONE WELCOME
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender,
Straight...EVERYONE

May 1, 2009
9pm to midnight

For reservations or more information
ask your GSA advisor
or call
the Stanislaus PRIDE Center 338-0855

This event is supported by



Congratulations to Michael McKibban on obtaining a CTA grant that provided funding for this event.

Dry Creek Wines

Vistas, Vintages, Victuals

Tasting

Wine Auction

Hors D'Oeuvres

Sunday, May 31, 2009

5 to 8 pm in the evening

1311 Edgebrook Drive

Modesto

\$35 per person

RSVP to Dr. RJ Moriconi by May 23rd

Email: drycreekwines@gmail.com

Phone: 209-529-6243

(Kindly include contact information)

A benefit for the Stanislaus PRIDE Center