



News & Views



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The Rainbow Prom

By Michael McKibban, PFLAG Board President

On May 1, 2009, PFLAG Modesto helped sponsor The Rainbow Prom, the first GLBT/ally high school prom in this area in quite a while. The event was a collaboration of area Gay-Straight Alliances, the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, and PFLAG Modesto. Major funding came from a California Teachers Association Safe Schools grant. The event was held at the Charity Way Ballroom, which is part of the new Elks Club facility, a wonderful place with very friendly people.

About 50 students attended from various high schools including Enochs, Oakdale, Davis, Modesto, Ceres, Central Valley, and a contingent even drove in from Oakley. There were students from all the letters (GLBTQ) dancing together in every combination possible. The Charity Ballroom provided the fabulous food service. Rob, the DJ from TNT productions, seemed to provide just what the kids wanted in the way of music.

As organizer of the event, I would like to extend a special thank you to Marilyn Mettler for the wonderful print and e-flyers and to Cathy Jennison for allowing the Rainbow Prom to add to her duties as PFLAG treasurer. A big thank you Cathy and Dean Jennison for their assistance with chaperoning.

Dates to Remember

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

7 pm Support
8 pm Program

June 2

Please join us to hear and share with our panel of fathers: Al Revelli, Tony Alonzo, Lewis Woodward and Norm VanSpronsen

June 14

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

June 10 & 24 7-9 pm

College Avenue Congregational Church, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues

PFLAG group in Oakdale!

June 17 7- 8:30 pm

Golden Oaks Conference Room

1425 West "H", Oakdale

pflagoakdale@dishmail.net

Please join the group in Oakdale!

June 16

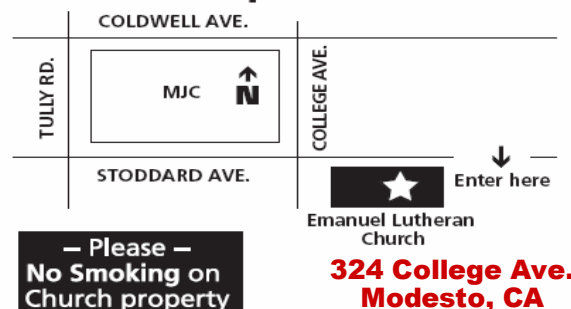
PFLAG Bingo

Many thanks to Don Whalen for refreshments!

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:



Pre-Pride Day Rummage Sale!

Make PRIDE a community effort! Help to raise funds for **Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2009** by **donating** items. New and gently-used clothing, furniture, collectibles, books, housewares, antiques and more

Friday, June 5th & Saturday, June 6th

8 am to 3 pm

**Emanuel Lutheran Church
324 College Ave.**

Please drop off your **donated items**

Thursday, June 4,

from 3 pm to 8 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

For more information, please visit www.spcpride.org
Contact Patrick Pokorny (404-0538) or Tery Powers (620-0506)

We need **VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE SALE...** please contact Patrick at
ndskills1@sbcglobal.net

MoFest 5 coming in October

SAVE THE DATE!

PFLAG Modesto's Fifth Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Film Festival will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Modesto. The festival will offer films selected to present the positive contributions and images of members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Letters seeking sponsors and donors will begin going out in June. PFLAG members will begin ticket sales in July. Donations will be recognized onscreen and in print with name and logo (if applicable) at the following levels: Platinum - \$1000 and up, Gold - \$500 and up, Silver - \$100 and up, and Bronze - \$25 and up. Complimentary tickets accompany each level. See your letter for more details.

Watch this space for more details and/or call the helpline, 527-0776, X3 and leave an inquiry.

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 irevelli@leavittweaver.com; telephone 209-521-5125 X15.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COME JOIN PFLAG MODESTO!

Please join PFLAG Modesto in celebrating the Fourth of July by marching in the parade with us. You can come help carry our banners or make your own signs proclaiming your affiliation, "I am a PFLAG Mom", or "I am a PFLAG Dad", or "Friend of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender persons", or whatever you like. Information about our staging area will be given in the July newsletter or by a special e-mail announcement.

PFLAG Modesto wishes to thank long-time benefactor, **Betty F. Schroder, for her monthly contributions to our organization.**

We love you!

It's the Summer's Big Event!

The 2009 Mr., Ms. & Miss Gay Stanislaus County Pageant

"Hollywood Motion Pictures circa 1930 - A Decade of Silver Screen Legends"

Saturday, June 13, 2009...Doors open at 7 pm

Sylvan Club...\$15 cover/person

For more details go to www.oesci.org