NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY...

OCTOBER 11
COMING OUT - A PERSONAL CHOICE

October 11 marks the fourth anniversary of the celebration of NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, and the second year that IDENTITY has encouraged participation by Alaskans. IDENTITY is proud to be a national sponsor and financial contributor to the NCOD program which has grown to all fifty states, Canada, Great Britain & Switzerland.

The purpose of NCOD is to encourage and support and encourage gay men and lesbians to commit to the coming out process. Even though there is a lot of promotional activity on Oct. 11, the program is growing rapidly to support activities on a year-round basis. Last year, IDENTITY sponsored a COMING OUT STORIES SEMINAR that resulted in several individuals eventually coming out to family or friends in the following months. We are proud to sponsor this seminar again this year on Saturday, October 12.

"There are more than 30 million gay & lesbian Americans, yet more people don't think they know anybody gay. That is mathematically impossible!" said Lynn Shelpd, Executive Director of the National Coming Out Campaign.

The more people who come out, the better our chances of enjoying a better lifestyle. "Telling the truth about yourself is a fundamental step in creating better relationships with your family & friends. If you are gay or lesbian, come out to someone you care about on Oct. 11." said Rob Eichberg, Ph.D., co-founder of NCOD.

As much encouragement as we might provide, the decision to COME OUT is still a personal choice. Despite the rush of celebrity OUTINGS, it is still up to YOU to make that important decision--not some newspaper or magazine deciding for you. If you decide YES, please know there are people here to support you.

James Boudreaux - Editor

MEMBERSHIP / PLEDGE FORM

Identity, Inc. - P.O. Box 200070 - Anchorage, Alaska 99520

□ Yes! I want to be a part of Identity, Inc! I understand that my membership will expire one year from this date. My membership entitles me to Northview, Identity's monthly newsletter and other periodic mailings. I have the option to NOT receive the newsletter and mailings if I check here. □

Here is my contribution of: □ $25 □ $25 □ $50 □ Other □ $35 □ $100 □ $500 □ $1,000 □ $2,000 □ $5,000 AND □ $25 □ $50 □ $100 □ $250 □ $500 □ $1,000 □ $2,000 □ $5,000 Per Month for one year

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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The snow is about to fly and during the month of October our thoughts quickly turn to witches, goblins and the merry festivities of Halloween. We're sure that something SPOOKY is bound to happen at our October Potluck scheduled . . .

WHEN?  Friday, October 25, 1991
TIME?  6:30 PM - Doors Open
        7:00 PM - Food Service Begins
        7:30 PM - Announcements, Program
                    Fun Things Happen, ETC.
WHERE?  Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
        3201 Turnagain Street, Anchorage

MANY THANKS to Ross Crich, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, for taking the time to BE our September program. Ross updated everyone on the rapidly growing number of clients, programs and needs of the 4A's. They really need your support, so VOLUNTEER your time or money if it's available.

The October program will include some surprise entertainment. There will also be some follow-up reports from the COMING OUT STORIES SEMINAR that IDENTITY is sponsoring on Saturday, October 12. October is COMING OUT MONTH, and this will be a good way to end it. SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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BLUE MOON REVUE

Every Wednesday night at 10:30 PM, The Blue Moon Bar hosts a cabaret show that is titled "Misty Dawn's Aurora Boy-Re-Alice Review." These shows feature Alaska's finest female impersonators and other entertainers. The show's themes are changed monthly.

These weekly shows are fast-paced and well-timed. There is an excellent mix of men and women performers centered around a nucleus of Misty Dawn, Renya and Luani. October's theme is packed with lots of red, black and white costumes. The shows also include some comedy routines, always a BIG hit with the audience. The material for the comedy routines is constantly changing, providing fresh laugh material each week.

There is a small cover charge of $2 for these weekly shows, a small price to pay to help defray the cost of the fancy costumes and other costs of the shows. For a city our size, Anchorage is fortunate to have a group of individuals like Misty Dawn and her associates who are willing to spend the time and energy to stage these weekly events. Juneau is glad to have one show per year-Anchor gets a show every week. If you're not doing anything next Wednesday evening, show your support for the dedication and hard work of Misty Dawn and her Boy-Re-Alice (Yes-Borealis!) Review.

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THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT HOMOPHOBIA IS TO CONFRONT IT.
IDENTITY, INC. is sponsoring another opportunity for you to tell other friends and community supporters your own, personal coming out story. Come join us for the festivities at . . . .

PLACE: Anchorage Pioneer School House - Basement Area
3rd and Eagle Streets, Anchorage

WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 1991

TIME: Story Telling begins at 2:00 PM and will continue until around 5:30 PM.

This seminar provides you with a great chance to practice COMING OUT. It's a powerful experience you should not miss.

POTLUCK

Immediately following the COMING OUT STORIES SEMINAR, Identity is sponsoring a POTLUCK SOCIAL for all participants. Individuals are encouraged to bring along their food contribution when they come to the seminar earlier in the day. Stoves and refrigerators are available to maintain your food for the afternoon. Liquid refreshments will be provided by IDENTITY. Eating begins at 6:00 PM.

DANCE

The day will wind up with a special DANCE for women and men starting at 9:00 PM. The dance will be held on the UPPER Floor of the Pioneer School House. Music will be provided by the SOUND CONNECTION. Attendees will be charged an admission fee of $2.50 per person to help defray costs. Refreshments will be provided by IDENTITY and dancing will end at midnight if you have plans to rush to the Blue Moon for more early morning activities.
OPAL HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE DANCE

Saturday, October 26 is the day and the Mary McKinney Room at the Spenard Recreation Center is the place for this year's annual HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE DANCE sponsored by OPAL (the Organization of Professional Alaska Lesbians). The Recreation Center is located at 2020 W. 48th St.

This annual dance is one of the most popular events of the year. The festivities begin at 8:00 PM and end at 1:00 AM. Tickets are $8 in advance at the Alaska Women's Bookstore or $10 at the door. As you might guess, this event is for WOMEN ONLY.

During the evening, there will be some costume judging with prizes awarded for the most creative costume, the cutest couple, and the best group (3 or more people). There will be music throughout the evening. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided but participants can BYOB. A photo booth will be provided for those women who absolutely MUST have a photo of their costume or the person they came with.

HAVE A SP0000000000K TIME!!!!!!

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LOOKING FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS?

A recent review of book store inventories has revealed a surprising number of books being published FOR children that present POSITIVE images of gay and lesbian lifestyles. This reporter was caught by surprise when I spotted a copy of a book titled "Daddy's Roommate" at Metro Books. This is the story of a young boy who goes to spend the weekend with his father. It is very good!!!

Also found at the Alaska Women's Bookstore are numerous other books, such as "Heather Has 2 Mommies", "Lots of Mommies", "Gloria Goes To Gay Pride", and "How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?" All of these books provide children with an opportunity to receive an accurate education about the lifestyles of gay fathers & lesbian mothers.

From another viewpoint, you men might also be interested in a book titled "Gay Fathers." This book deals with the issues and problems facing gay men who are fathers. It's also available at the Women's Bookstore.
COMING TO ANCHORAGE - NOVEMBER 8
Capri Cinema - 3425 E Tudor Road

This Award-winning documentary takes as its subject the drag balls of Harlem. Director Jennie Livingston mixes interviews with the men who “walk the ball” and scenes from their fantastic fantasy celebrations that provides a lively look at an exotic subculture that mimics the values of the white majority with unique wit and style. Unrated, mature subject matter. This is one of the most talked about gay films of 1991.

We secure our friends not by accepting favors but by doing them.

THUCYDIDES

SOUTHEAST DUCHEY AWARDS GRANTS
The Imperial Duchey of Southeast Alaska recently announced that it has awarded grants of $3,000 to various groups around the state. The award were made during 1991 Coronation activities.

Receiving grants were the MCC Church of Anchorage ($900) for their AIDS Food Program; the 4A's ($900) for their housing project; Shanti of Juneau ($900) for their plans to bring the AIDS Quilt to Juneau; and The Imperial Court ($300) for general support. All of the donated funds are the result of profits realized by the Duchey's annual Le Femme Fatales show held in April in Juneau.

INVESTITURES 1991

The Imperial Court has announced that the annual Court Investitures will be held on Sunday, October 13 at 7:30 PM. The ceremonies will be held at the Alaska Railroad Train Depot near downtown. Tickets are $10. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and there will be a no host bar available.

The Investiture Ceremony provides the new Emperor & Empress with the opportunity to name the various individuals who will be making significant contributions to their reign. These individuals are often named as princes or princesses and are "installed" as such at the investiture ceremony.

1992 AIDS CONFERENCE

The VIIIth Internation Conference on AIDS has been switched from Boston to Amsterdam, Netherlands. The conference is planned for July 1992. The location of this annual meeting was changed because the U.S. government would not change its travel restrictions on persons with HIV/AIDS.
HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!  

Friday, Oct. 11 - NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY! - Come Out to Someone You Know!!!
Saturday, Oct. 12 - Identity COMING OUT STORIES/Potluck/Dance-Pioneer School
Sunday, Oct. 13 - Imperial Court Investiture Ceremony, ARR Train Depot
Saturday, Oct. 19 - Sing-A-Long at Lucy's - 6:30 Potluck/7:30 PM Singing
Friday, Oct. 25 - Fourth Friday Potluck Social - Unitarian Universalist Flwshp
Saturday, Oct. 26 - Identity Board of Directors Meeting - 1 PM.
  OPAL Halloween Dance - Spenard Rec Center - 8 PM
  HAUNTED HOUSE at the Blue Moon - sponsored by the Imperial Court - $5.00 entrance fee.

Saturday, Nov. 2 - Women's 2 Step Dance - 8-12 PM - Mt. View Community Center.
Friday, Nov. 8 - Opening of "Paris Is Burning" - Capri Cinema
CONTINUING EVENTS - Sunday, 7 PM - UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association
  Support Group, Room K210 on Campus.
  Sunday, 7:15 PM - MCC church services-St. Mary's Episcopal
  Wednesday, 7 PM - Support Group for people living with HIV/AIDS. Call 4A's for more info.
  Wednesday, 10:30 PM - Weekly cabaret show, Blue Moon Bar.

CALL THE ANCHORAGE GAY & LESBIAN HELPLINE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION!!!!!!!