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Cover View

Newly arrived Canada geese forage for grass between patches of snow on the Delaney Park Strip in April, a sure sign spring is on the way. In two short months, this stretch of downtown parkland will be filled with rainbows, laughter, food, music and vendors during Anchorage PrideFest 2004.

Correction

Last month we incorrectly identified newly-elected Mr. Alaska Leather Kurt Hillyer as "Kurt Hetzel" in a photo caption. Our apologies to Kurt and fellow Last Frontier Men’s Club titleholders. —Editor
The Power of Commitment

One of my favorite books is *Staying Power*, by Susan Johnson. The book profiles 108 couples in long-term relationships to examine the nature of commitment. While Johnson’s book discusses commitment in the context of couples, this kind of staying power is just as important to all types of commitment.

I’m committed to myself first and foremost. I know I must take care of myself, both physically and emotionally, if I am to meet my other commitments. I’m committed to my job; it has sustained me when all else in my life was turbulent. I’m committed to my son, who no longer needs me financially, which is kind of nice since this means when he calls, he just wants to talk. I’m committed to our cats, those little street urchins who blessed us by coming to live with us. And I’m deeply committed to my husband and partner of five years, who loves me equally on good days and bad.

I’m also committed to this community, my “tribe” as Steve Keller so eloquently put it in the March issue of *NorthView*. I’m committed because I’ve come to know so many kind, generous, equally committed people: the generous folks of the Imperial Court of All Alaska, the dedicated parents of Anchorage PFLAG, the equally dedicated educators of GLSEN, the staff volunteers at the GLCCA, the kind folks at MCC, the good guys of TLFMC, my peers at Identity, and many other groups, organizations and individuals who truly demonstrate staying power.

One of the couples in Susan Johnson’s book decided early on in their relationship that they wanted “to be married, not just passing through one another’s lives.” I see that kind of commitment in our community: the desire to work together toward our common goals and not just pass through one another’s lives.

Whatever the ideals you are committed to, whatever groups or organizations to which you commit your time and your funds, I applaud your sense of commitment and your staying power. It’s the stuff strong communities are built upon.

Warmly,

Teresa McPherson
Editor

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**Ode in Pursuit of Commitment**

Once upon in times of lore
I met a maid upon the shore.
She winked at me and made me smile
And bade me to please stay awhile.

We laughed and sang and had much fun
Until the day was long since done.
She plied me with much ale and wine
And said, “My dear, will you be mine?”

*For she is straight and I am gay*

She said to me, “You will commit
Or to all people I see fit
I’ll say you’re gay and quite effete
And no one shall want you to meet.”

“Away from me you thunderous hag!
You shall not have this lonely lag
Keep far from me, leave me alone
I shall return back to my home.”

*For she is straight and I am gay*

She pursued me to my island home
“You shall be mine and mine alone!
A marriage commitment I do ask
I’m sure you can complete the task.”

“Give me a child and I with you
Shall marry and to you be true.
Unto my child I’ll give my love
And praise him to the heavens above.”

*For she is straight and I am gay*

“When on adulthood my son does reach
Our commitment pact I then shall breach
To date men both, but not the same
We shall make sport with this new game.”

New great commitments shall we find
To comfort us ‘til end of time
Our old commitment shall fade away
And as a friendship will surely stay.

*For she is straight and I am gay*

Tim Weiss was raised by wolves and led to believe that he knows how to write poetry. If anyone wishes to break the news to him that he can’t, please do so quickly.
Icebergs

I have been blessed with a large family. My dad’s family is a patriarchal system, while my mom’s has always been matriarchal. My sister continued the matriarchal hierarchy. Three of my four brothers and I, though respecting my mother tremendously, followed in the patriarchal tradition, and my youngest brother chose emotional neutrality.

Where are we all today?

The eldest child, a Baptist minister, died at age 65. Through the years, he chose success before family and mending the tears in his family’s tapestry only became a priority in his last few years.

The second child was a teamster and “biker” most of his adulthood and, at age 64, is only now working at settling into a routine of hearth and home with a new wife, a new marriage.

My only sister, not being one to conform to society’s standards, is just two years my senior. She has managed her household with strength and perseverance, just as my mom did. At age 63, her priority is “letting go” and she’s enjoying the fruits of her labor.

I, on the other hand, have lost and found myself, lost and found my children, been blessed with a truly awesome partner and deep abiding love, and helped create a family with both patriarchal and matriarchal influence.

The fifth child, a son who is the “atlas” of our family, faced unexpected career changes which threatened his hard-earned stability, dealt with heartache and divorce, loneliness, and is learning to cope with the “empty nest” syndrome.

The youngest child always held himself separate from the rest of us. The product of discord, he built a life around the complexities of computers, seldom coming out into the light of humanity. He does not commit or ask for commitment.

On the surface we appear to be functioning successfully as a family unit. As siblings, we love and respect each other, try not to invade each other’s space, and never discuss politics, religion, or minorities at family get-togethers. That way no one’s toes are stepped on, no egos bruised, no lifestyles criticized. Very good, you might say, but how does any effective communication get done, how do touchy or taboo issues get dealt with and problems get solved? They don’t, they get ignored!

Families are seldom as superficial as they appear. They are often like icebergs with the majority of the structure below the surface, hiding the scars or shielding the damage from a casual glance. Families are convoluted creations that require much forethought, commitment and dedication to be healthy, productive additions to society.

Like the average family, our community has a variety of siblings: lesbian, gay, trans, bi, and straight. Like my natal family, the community has achieved an appearance or semblance of unity to the public eye. But are we really a family beneath the surface? You may state that siblings debate (argue), have different goals, desires, religious and political preferences, and I will heartily agree with you.

However, there is also division in the ranks, no matter the efforts of our strongest members. To be a successful family structure, we must move beyond a matriarchal or patriarchal system of leadership and the limitations they restrict us to.

Now, let me add here that some have put forth great effort to do this. I commend these dedicated few who work endlessly to achieve a united front to the world that condemns us. At the same time, the disgruntled reap discord and cheat themselves out of communion and growth (for that is a reward of fellowship), allowing differences of opinions to cost them friendships and the true strength found in unity.

But I believe the most destructive force of all in our community is the lack of acceptance for female and male bonding.

We all derive from male/female coupling. We all have some form of female/male strength and weakness in our characters. Many of us have experienced more than one type of relationship, which of course is part of the problem. Is there some unspoken law that says lesbians have to hate men, can’t or shouldn’t have male friends and vice versa?

What is the ultimate goal of being a family? Don’t we, as members of our community, want and need the security, affection, support, loyalty, trust and camaraderie that many of us have lost or sacrificed by coming out, by living our chosen lives? A family builds strength through its diversity of personalities. Achieving “family” status always takes its toll on the parents, in this case, the movers and shakers. It has proven to be a mammoth task for homosexual society worldwide.

When we accomplish the feat of coalescing our family into an iceberg, I believe the goal of attaining the acceptance we need from heterosexual society will be a more clarified viable reality.

Ruth Mitchell lives with her life partner, Deb, and one cat-child. She enjoys reading, writing, tarot and travel.

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MAY 2004
A Dad’s Commitment

We all have many commitments. I go to work. I pay various monthly bills. I attend the Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. I spend time with friends. I keep in touch with family. My biggest commitment by far is helping my three children off to a good start in life and to be available to love them.

My daughter in college and my sixth-grade son, who lives with his mother, are in my thoughts constantly. I help them materially where I can, when appropriate. I provide ears to listen, shoulders to cry on and, when asked, advice. (The “when asked” is difficult at times…) No matter who tries to impose conditions, there are none on this love and support. These two are both fundamentalist Christians and while not exactly homophobic, they definitely are opposed to the “gay lifestyle.”

However, they are my kids and I love them. They have not always confessed to loving me, especially when I came out, but I have loved them to the point of pain at times. Fighting to stay in their lives has been one of my commitments to them.

My daughter, Rebecca, who lives with me, is different than her brother and sister, but I have the same quality and quantity of love for her. She is not in the slightest way uncomfortable with the “lifestyle” or my friends. She was the first to come back to me after I came out. My commitment to Rebecca is different in that I shelter, feed, clothe, and do all that other parent stuff. School is easy in ways and difficult in others. She needs challenging all the time, and is bright enough to progress faster than her classes. I have gone to bat for her in her church, at school, and in medical situations.

Commitment is not just saying, “I love you.” Sometimes I have to discipline Rebecca, an act of pure agony for me. I am committed to seeing that she get off on the right foot, and that includes teaching Rebecca that her actions have consequences. She is such a good kid that I rarely need to give discipline, such as grounding, limiting work hours, taking away telephone privileges…but when I do need to, I do something.

The commitment I ignore most is the one I have to take care of me. I have an accidental wardrobe, luck-of-the-draw health, and an if-they-call social life. I will have moved to a new apartment by the time this is printed, a much larger, newer, and better-located place. It will be time to turn over a new leaf, so I will be committing to take care of myself physically, socially and materially.

My commitment to you, the reader, is to prepare and to write the best that I can. I hope you are reading this after enjoying our wonderful warm spring weather.

Chuck Hart is an Alaskan for over 40 years. He lives with his teenage daughter, two birds, and three fish.
A Rare Breed

“A good whipping cleanses the soul, puts a sparkle in your eyes, and makes you glow all over,” says the author of Sensuous Magic: A Guide For Adventurous Couples, by Pat Califia.

The scary but intriguing word “kink” makes one ask, “Is it safe, sane and consensual?” According to Califia, it is, and men and women who like it are a rare breed. “Heavy masochists are born, not made,” he adds. “Their thermostats simply seem to be set a little higher than everyone else’s.”

The Fetish Ball, a dream child of Ms. Alaska Leather 1997-98 Melba Cooke, took place March 27th at Mad Myrna’s. “It was a kink fest success with over $2,000 raised for charity,” said Cooke. The proceeds went to benefit the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, the Food Bank of Alaska, and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center adopt-a-day fund.

The event brought together the kink crowd of Anchorage, as well as a wide diversity of people who were curious or just wanted to have fun. It did not matter if you were gay, straight or bi. The activities of the night started with great sounds of local rock and blues band FULL CIRCLE, a fashion show by The Look, and continued through the night with flogging and other fetish demonstrations by the newest group in town, “The Kinksters.”

One of the purposes of this open-minded forum was to show that the myth of the self-hating masochist and the hateful sadist is as dangerous as racism, sexism, homophobia, or any type of prejudice against a class of people. Within the leather community, BDSM is more likely to be seen as a special talent, a rare gift, and a badge of honor and high status.

“When two people experience that—that’s a successful moment and a session,” said Kurt Hillyer, a titleholder of Mr. Alaska Leather 2004. “Being a part of that moment is a sensation itself. When you want somebody to feel a sensation, you think of that sensation, you fabricate it and bring it to life. That’s what S&M is about, when people can feel each other. You don’t just touch somebody, you feel them.”

S&M is an umbrella term that includes many sexualities. The dictionary definition of sadomasochism is narrow and judgmental. Members of the leather community define BDSM as a pleasurable sexual activity between consenting adults that involves dominant and submissive role-playing, physical restraint, or erotic, pleasurable pain.

“It depends on your imagination and the needs of the moment and your partner,” added Talmadge Bailey, a member of the local leather community. “It is very intimate, empowering, mysterious, intimidating, intense, healing and spiritual. It is a journey toward sexual honesty and self-revelation.”

“The experience was great,” said Steve Sacchetto, as he was released from the whipping post, which he was chained to while two dominants shined his leathers. “Only grownups can really evaluate risks, express their desires, and consent to take a chance on one another.”

If you are not ready for a real experience, movies and books are a way of introducing the subject gently. There is a variety of materials to introduce a beginner to the scene. Molly Devon in her book Screw The Roses, Send Me The Thorns says that the movie 9 1/2 Weeks contains scenes that may elicit some telling responses from your would-be playmate. Mickey Rourke seduces a naïve Kim Bassinger into an affair characterized by his probing the limits of Kim’s sexual psyche using games of control. During the nearly two and a half months allocated by the movie’s title, Rourke treats Kim to a series of sexy blindfolded interludes. This movie illustrates a classic way of introducing beginners to the exploration of domination and submission without terrifying them.

Oh well, I had to try it for myself...twice. Hanging upside down, being watched, flogged and touched, experiencing peace with myself and a Zen state of personal tranquility, I overcame fears I never thought I had. My life turned upside down, literally. As the world came back later, I was greeted to a cheerful cry by the crowd who clapped, as the scene came to a closure.

Later, tied up in a straight jacket and teased, electrified by a Violet Wand, I experienced electro-sensations for the first time. Helplessness is an intriguing feeling and electricity was my new best friend. Never say never. Never say that you don’t like it, unless you try it. I found an interesting saying by Madame Leremicier that goes like this: “There is no evil in pain, if that pain is sustained willingly and it gives the recipient more than a compensatory degree of pleasure.” That’s how I felt. That was about me.

Others, who felt as close, expressed to each other the same feeling. A surprising proposal of a romantic couple made a night even more enchanted and unforgettable.

Gene Rachinsky migrated north to Alaska in 2003, where he lives with his partner Kurt and an English setter named Malcolm.
GLCCA Corner

Facts that should NOT be “little known”:

During the first two years of GLCCA operation, volunteers worked 5,000 hours to set up and staff the center.

The staff volunteer who worked the most hours during the first two years of operation (2002 and 2003) was Dave Chambers, who clocked a phenomenal 762 hours!

During the first year of operation, GLCCA volunteers recorded 4,700 contacts (3,800 individuals came through our doors and 900 individuals called us on the telephone).

During the second year, volunteers logged 1,800 MORE contacts than the first year (5,400 visitors and 1,100 telephone calls).

The individual who suggested the successful Adopt-a-Day program to help pay our rent and utilities was Stephanie LaFleur.

Who has adopted the most days since the GLCCA opened? Doran Vaughan and Steven Jacquier, Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage, James Bruce (Bush resident!) and Anchorage PFLAG.

Read all about it:

The GLCCA library collection currently offers over 1,600 books and movies. You can check out 5 books at a time for 3 weeks, and 2 movies for one week.

The library has books on AIDS and health issues, biographies, bisexuality, erotica, gay and lesbian fiction, legal issues, history, poetry and plays, spirituality and religion, transgender issues, youth and coming out, travel, and gay and lesbian reference materials.

The Gill Foundation, who provided the initial grant to open the GLCCA, will fund the shipping for four cases of books the Colorado Springs Gay and Lesbian Community Center has donated to the GLCCA.

In preparation for their upcoming move, Dan and Al Carter-Incontro donated books to the GLCCA library—more gay fiction!

Check out the magazines available at the community center: Advocate, Out, Girlfriend, Genre, Diva, Curv, POZ, Las Vegas Bugle, Transgender Tapestry, XY and others.

New in the Youth section: Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit!! Kids learn their gay uncle is coming to visit. Before mom can explain “gay,” some older kids tell them what to expect. Are the stereotypes shattered when Uncle Brett finally arrives?

A new book in the library, My Husband Betty, explores the relationships of crossdressing men and their female partners.

A tip ‘o the hat...

The following individuals have given many hours of their time to keep the GLCCA doors open and its resources available during the first quarter of 2004: Lawrence, Stephanie, Cari, Jim, Laura, Phyllis, Kippy, Dana, Dee, Liz, Dave, Steve, Barbara, Dawn, Juan, Al, Rosebeth, Jessica, Lynne, Scott, Karen, Julie, Gayle, James, Cory, Marla and Teresa.

Stop by to say thanks and check out a book!
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During the first quarter of 2004 (Jan-March), rent and utilities at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage were paid for by the generous contributions of the following individuals and organizations.

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Al and Dan Carter-Incontro celebrated their 35th anniversary together on March 21 at Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. Also on this day, MCC celebrated 30 years of service to the Anchorage GLBTA community.

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Civil Wars

When I ran across the book Civil Wars (Harcourt, 2004) at Barnes and Noble, I was intrigued by the subtitle: “A Battle for Gay Marriage.” I finally realized that the word “A” was most instructive. This book was about what had happened in the State of Vermont, especially in the year 2000.

The author, David Mouts, is a straight man, which gave me pause, until I realized that his editorials in the Rutland (Vt.) Herald in support of same-sex marriage had won the newspaper its first Pulitzer Prize.

Civil Wars provides the type of history that is so compelling. I related to its story, which was dramatic, and the author gave depth to the principal characters in the drama. The attorneys who pressed the case, the six plaintiffs (three same-sex couples) listed in the complaint, the governor (Howard Dean), the five State Supreme Court justices, and the leaders and key members of both state houses of the legislature — it is a most human struggle for all of them. And extraordinarily beautiful things, as well as a few very ugly things, come out of it.

The Vermont State Constitution contains a very strong equal rights clause. When the case of the three same-sex couples seeking the right to marry was filed in the late 1990s and argued before the five Supreme Court justices, they all concluded it was unconstitutional to deny gays the right to marry. But the majority of them were also political realists, to the initial chagrin of the plaintiffs. The majority of justices were afraid if they simply ordered gay marriage, the legislature would likely pass an amendment banning same-sex marriage like had happened in Hawaii. They knew the word “marriage” was the key problem for a lot of straight people, and they felt the legislature should be involved.

So, on December 20, 1999, they threw the ball into the state legislature court, mandating them to pass a law giving gays marriage or its equivalent as far as rights and benefits were concerned. The plaintiffs were thrilled and devastated at the same time. Gay marriage was constitutionally proper, but they might not get exactly that. And the legislature was now involved.

The bulk of the drama takes place in the Vermont state legislature during the 2000 session. In January, a meeting between the leaders of both houses and the governor reached the conclusion that gay marriage would never pass and they would have to offer some kind of equivalency. It was also agreed that the house would write the bill.

So, the drama shifts to the judiciary committee of the state house, and they hold many hearings. That’s when the rancor begins, with all of the ‘Take Back Vermont’ anti-gay conservatives getting revved up. They had no idea that all eleven members of the judiciary committee favored gay marriage. However, ten of the eleven ended up fashioning a civil union equivalency, which was approved by the house. Many Democrats and Republicans demonstrated considerable courage in backing the bill, and the most poignant moment in the debate was when the only openly gay member in the state legislature gave a speech about what the bill meant and what it was like to be gay.

After the bill went to the state senate and made it past its judiciary committee, it passed the full senate with relative ease. And the governor signed it — the first state to give the rights and benefits of marriage, even though it wasn’t called that, to same-sex couples. And many of the legislators paid the price for it. Sixteen of them lost their seats in the subsequent election. But all of them said it was worth it — they did the right thing.

The civil union bill in Vermont barely made it, and it required each of the following, I think: (1) a state with the history of Vermont, proud of its abolitionist past; (2) a state constitution that is difficult to amend; (3) a state Republican Party that still has a lot of moderates and liberals in it; (4) a legislature that had passed both a non-discrimination and hate crimes bill with regard to sexual orientation previously; (5) a politically astute state supreme court; (6) a pragmatic governor and leaders of the legislature; (7) many courageous straight legislators who were willing to reach out to gays; (8) a highly respected openly gay member of the state legislator who was seen as an educator and leader; and (9) opposition groups — especially out of state — who were truly extreme and alienated many Vermonters. I believe if any one of these was not the case, civil unions might not have resulted.

Yes, I know that gay marriage — with the word marriage — is what we really deserve. But the Vermont story is still a great victory for our community and I strongly recommend this book.

Gale Smoke teaches Sociology 387: Gay & Lesbian Lifestyles at UAA. You can reach Gale at glsmoke@alaska.net.
Local rock and blues band FULL CIRCLE provided live music for Fetish Ball 2004. Left to right: Danny, Kippy, Terri, Tina and Gay.
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### Fairbanks Events

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<td>Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.</td>
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<td>&quot;Outlooks,&quot; 5:30 - 7 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5</td>
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### Juneau Events

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<td>Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 907-789-8167 (Marsha)</td>
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<td>PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room</td>
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**SEND NEW AND UPDATED LISTINGS TO NORTHVIEW@IDENTITYINC.ORG**
OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

ORGANIZATIONS

Adam and Steve, a social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men. Weekly activities and fun community events, many taking place at the GLCCA. Also offers the monthly M-group, a fun workshop on sex and dating. Run by a Core Group (meets every first and third Tuesday at Four A's at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. 907-263-2081. www.adamandsteve.org

Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's), provides supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of HIV infection and its stigma. Many services cater specifically to women. 1057 W Fireweed Ln, Ste 102, Anchorage. 907-263-2050 (Anchorage), 800-478-AIDS (statewide).

Alaska Civil Liberties Union, a membership-based non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and defending the guarantees of individual liberty found in the Alaska Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights through litigation, education and legislative advocacy. We are the Alaska state affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). P.O. Box 201844, Anchorage, AK 99520-1844. Phone: (907)276-2258, Fax: (907)258-0288, Email: aclu@alaska.net

Alaska Queer Liberation Front (a UAF student organization). c/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-1136. thega@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/agla

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR), a locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersexual people in all aspects of personal and public life. 907-566-ACR1. AlaskaforCivilRights@yahoo.com

Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Joyous, & Free: AA group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered individuals, and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays 7 PM to 8 PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, GLBT-friendly liberal religious church, where people of all belief’s are welcome. 3201 Turnagain St., Anchorage. 907-248-0715.

Anchorage Women’s Political Caucus. Open to all women. 7pm, first Wednesday Elmer’s Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

Arctic Bears. First Friday. Fairbanks. 907-479-8880.

Aquarian Foundation services. 8 PM Wednesdays, 11 AM Sundays. 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-349-9955.

Breakeven Productions has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. 907-277-5630 for upcoming events or productions. akpaps@alaska.net

Breast and Cervical Health Check, a cancer screening service offered by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Free breast and cervical cancer screening is available to women ages 18 - 64 who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover these services. Call the WCCA of Anchorage for eligibility guidelines, enrollment, and group presentation opportunities: 907-644-9620 (Anchorage), 1-800-410-6266 (statewide).

Celebration of Change, a performance of women artists for women. 907-566-3783 (for performance and volunteer information). celebrationofchange@email.com

Committee for Equality. Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. bsani@gei.net

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group. 907-457-3524 (leave message for more information).

The Family (a UAA Student Club), hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various social, political, and awareness activities. You DO NOT have to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. www.uaa.alaska.edu/council/thefamily

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA), The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space to meet, hang out, hold or attend a meeting, or use the resource library or computers. Staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week. 3 - 9 PM Mondays through Fridays, 12 - 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays. 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste 103 (between the Burger Cache & Don Joe’s). 907-929-GLBT. glcca@identityinc.org

Gay & Lesbian HelpLine, an information and referral line sponsored by Identity, Inc. The HelpLine is staffed by volunteers and provides information and referrals to businesses, professionals, and service providers supportive of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. 6 - 11 PM daily. If you need information or would like to be a part of this service, please call 907-258-4777 (Anchorage), 888-901-9876 (statewide).

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). Membership is confidential. We welcome educators and non-educators who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. Anchorage 907-562-7161 (Fred) hillman@alaska.net; Fairbanks Lisa Slayton or Jeff Walters c/o GLSEN, PO Box 85315, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-457-2787.

Identity, Inc., a nonprofit Alaska corporation concerned with issues of sexual and gender identity. Identity envisions a world where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. The mission is to build the infrastructure for a strong GLBT community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and Lesbian HelpLine, NorthVIEW, PrideFest, Living Out Loud Youth Conference/Seminar, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. P.O. Box 200670, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT. www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Eklutna picnic, the Fur Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. PO Box 104032, Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. www.icoa.org

IMR02, the social group for GLBT youth, ages 13 to 18. We eat, chat, watch videos, plan events, and do lots of laughing. Join us and tell your friends. 5:30 PM Wednesdays at GLCCA. 907-566-IMR02(4678) to leave message.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks offers medical and dental program assistance, “buddies” (volunteers who help HIV & People Living With AIDS), meal delivery & food supplement program, lending library, and counseling support. 907-452-422 (for assistance or volunteering information).
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The Last Frontier Men's Club, a social club for the leather/bear community. Brief business meeting & potluck social at 6 PM second Sunday at Mad Myrna's, 530 E. 5th Avenue. "Dinner Night Out" and several camps are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information and list of community events. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. info@tlfmc.com www.tlfmc.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominately gay/lesbian/transgendered Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. 2 PM Sundays. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St. (East of 24th Ave & Boniface Pkwy.). See website for location map and calendar of current events. 907-258-2566. mccanchorage@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/mccanchorage

Northern Exposure Bowling League for bowlers of all genders. 4 PM Sundays. Please call to confirm time and venue. Park Lanes: 4350 Ames Avenue, Anchorage. 907-561-8744 milt@alaska.net

OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) & Travel 50 Two groups for women over 50. 907-868-2662. rosebethlevno@hotmail.com

OPAL, a social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks. 907-345-3818 (Annie) opal@geci.net

Out North. Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 1325 Primrose St., Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-8099 (voicemail), 907-279-8200 (box office), 907-279-8100 (fax). email@outnorth.org www.outnorth.org

PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays). Meetings: 7 PM third Thursdays except November & December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church: 2311 Pembroke St. 907-566-1813 (voicemail).

PFLAG of Fairbanks, promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. 907-45-PFLAG (for meetings and events).


P.O. Box 6515, Sitka, AK. 907-747-3674. sitkapflag@yahoo.com

PrideFest Steering Committee of Identity Plans and presents the annual Anchorage Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in Sept. The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBTPrideonthePark@yahoo.com


Shanti of Juneau, offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. 222eward, Ste 200. P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 800-478-AIDS (2437).

Southeast Alaska Gay & Lesbian Alliance (SEAGLA), a non-profit volunteer organization that provides a support network for lesbian and gay people in Southeast Alaska. Publishes monthly newsletter Perspective. P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802. 907-586-GAYS.

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT. Center for Drug Problems provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis. 1-4 PM Mondays and Wednesdays. 907-278-5019 (Anchorage).

Support Group (Sokotma), a group of people with HIV/AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2589 (Jan).

Women's Ultimate Frisbee. 10:30 AM Sundays. West end of Delaney Parkstrip. 907-278-5179 (Jen or Karen). Jenkout@aol.com

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michaelh2001@geci.net or michaelh2001@palm.net. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion

Alaska GLBT News, a state-wide e-mail notification service distributing news and information about upcoming events of interest to the Alaska GLBT community. To receive these notices or to submit an item for distribution: alaskagbltnews@yahoo.com

Anchorage Pride, a mailing list for information concerning Anchorage & Southcentral Alaska's GLBT community. http://groups.yahoo.com/subcribe/anchoragepride

Fairbanks Pride, a mailing list for information concerning Fairbanks & Interior Alaska's GLBT community. http://groups.yahoo.com/subcribe/fairbankspride

Grizt List, a mailing list for the Women's Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. Griztlist@geci.net

National and Political GLBT News. Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy announcements from national organizations. To join, send an e-mail to: bsara@geci.net

PUBLICATIONS

Alaska Women Speak, a publication by/for Alaskan women. 907-689-7922.

The Anchorage Press, an alternative weekly paper that is not focused on the GLBT community but is friendly. There is a large personals section. 907-561-7737.

The Perspective, a newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskan. SEAGLA, P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. 907-586-GAYS.

The Pink Ink, a newsletter published in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks GLBT community. Interior Newsletter, c/o IAA, P.O. Box 71248, Fairbanks, AK 99707. 907-452-4222. pinkink@alaska.com

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