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Saturday, May 8, was Clean-Up Day in Anchorage. Five Identity members helped clean up the section of Anchorage streets adopted by Identity—Patterson, from Northern Lights to Tudor. Those picking up and pitching in were Steve Keller, Ron Swartz, Chris Napoleon, Wendy Parsons and Phyllis Rhodes.

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Equal: No More, No Less

This year the Anchorage PrideFest theme is “Equal: No More, No Less.” The month of June will offer a number of fun and informative events that reinforce this theme. I hope you’ll participate in some of these activities offered by the various GLBTA groups and organizations in our community.

Several other events of the last few months echo this theme of equality. In late March, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage was filled to capacity when attorney Allison Mendel told us what same-sex couples can and should do to safeguard money and other assets.

In April many of us gathered at the Loussac Library to celebrate the unveiling of an inspiring and educational exhibit called “Out & Elected in the U.S.A.” This exhibit profiled individuals from 30 states in which an “out” GLBT person has been elected to public office. We were delighted that former governor and now U.S. Senate candidate Tony Knowles joined us to welcome this informative exhibit in the very same library where a former mayor ordered a gay pride exhibit dismantled just four years ago.

In early May, the Anchorage lesbian community presented “Celebration of Change 2004: Feast of the Goddess,” and what a feast it was. You’ll find two pages of cool photos from this estrogen extravaganza in this month’s NORTHVIEW.

And now Pride month is here. The wide range of events and activities to choose from this month is staggering. Identity co-chair Diana Wolfe offers details about many of these events in her article this month. Whatever your interests, I think you’ll find something fun to do this month in the many events and activities offered by Identity, the Imperial Court of All Alaska, the Last Frontier Men’s Club, Mad Myrna’s, the Raven, PFLAG, MCC, Four A’s, and many other groups and organizations.

Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.” Anchorage’s GLBTA community is alive and well, and not willing to settle for anything but full equality—no more, no less.

Warmly,
Teresa McPherson, Editor
PrideFest Week Bigger and Better Than Ever

The word “pride” is important to those of us who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. We take pride in who we are. Identity’s vision statement, as I’ve talked about in an earlier article, states that we envision a world where all people are free to express and be PROUD of their sexual and gender identities. There is so much that is hidden and closeted, and as we slowly make the transition into feeling free to express and be proud of our sexual and gender identities, we become more healthy and whole.

Pride month celebrates the historical beginning of the modern gay movement as exemplified by the Stonewall riots. On a hot, sultry night in New York City, June 27th, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn. That was not unusual, but that night was different. The people inside the establishment fought back. Before that, gay, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender folk had not made much public exposure of themselves. But that night they said—this is enough. We will fight for our right to be who we are.

For some twenty years, there has been a Pride celebration in Anchorage, and for eighteen of those years it has been on the park strip. The last four years we have had a parade. The last couple of years we have week-long events put on by various groups in our community. This year promises to be outstanding.

Our theme this year is “Equal: No More, No Less.” That’s such an important theme for this election year. All over, GLBT individuals are standing up and saying, we’re equal, no more, no less, and we want the rights and privileges that others have. We’re not asking for special privileges, just to be treated equally and without discrimination, or even more without violence.

We’ll have a display in the library – the first year since the infamous year when Mayor Wuerch said no to the library display.
Anchorage PrideFest 2004  
June 19-27, 2004

EVENTS

Gay Memorial at the Cemetery -- Sat., June 19
  Movie, “Amee Jaquar,” at the Museum --
    Sat. & Sun., June 19-20
  Kick-off Barbecue at the Raven -- Sun., June 20
Movie, “Latter Days,” at the BearTooth -- Mon., June 21
  Identity and the Family’s potluck at UAA’s Den --
    Tues., June 22
Get Poked: National HIV Testing Celebration, at Bernie’s
  Bungalow -- Wed., June 23
  Drag Queen Bingo, at the ARC of Anchorage --
    Thurs., June 24
Mr/Mrs/Ms Gay Anchorage, at Mad Myrna’s -- Fri., June 25
Celebrating Diversity Parade, Downtown -- Sat., June 26
  Pride on the Parkstrip -- Sat., June 26
  Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction, at Mad Myrnas --
    Sat., June 26
MCC Service, at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church --
  Sun., June 27
  TLFMC’s Closing Barbecue, behind Mad Myrna’s --
    Sun., June 27

For More Information Pick up a PrideFest Program at the GLCCA, June 19th.
Out & Elected in the U.S.A.
National Photo Exhibit Comes to Anchorage

Three years after the mayor of Anchorage ordered a gay pride exhibit removed from the Loussac Library, a national GLBT traveling exhibit graced the walls at the very same library.

Called “Out and Elected in the U.S.A.,” the exhibit featured 60 photographs and accompanying texts of openly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans who have served or currently are serving at nearly every level of elected office throughout the United States.

After its debut at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in late March, the exhibit was divided for a two-week showing at seven area high schools. Then in mid April, the exhibit was installed in the Loussac Library for a two-week showing.

Anchorage PFLAG President Jane Schlitter was grateful for the community’s support in helping to bring the educational exhibit to Alaska. “While we don’t have openly GLBT elected officials in Alaska that I know of right now, this exhibit may help give courage to any who are to possibly come out,” she said. “It might inspire hope in a young gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person who thought a life in public office was not an option for them if they are open and honest about who they are.”

Exhibit creator Ron Schlitter spoke at a reception at the Loussac Library April 16. Ron is the son of Norm and Jane Schlitter and an East High graduate who now works for the national office of PFLAG. Ron recalled hearing about an openly lesbian woman who was elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature while he was a student at East.

“As a young man well aware of my own gay sexual orientation, this was one of the first signals to me that I might one day escape my private closet of fear and isolation,” he said. “That students at East High and others in town are now helping to bring this work to their schools and the library is very moving to me. It marks enormous progress.”

Former Alaska governor Tony Knowles was among those gathered to view the exhibit at the April 16 reception.

The following local contributors helped bring “Out & Elected in the U.S.A.” to Alaska: The Imperial Court of All Alaska, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, The Last Frontier Men’s Club, Mad Myrna’s, Full Circle, and more.

Former Governor Tony Knowles joins Anchorage GLBTA members at a reception April 16 at the Loussac Library.

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June 2004
It's Spring!

Yesterday a rather grim and dirty world turned green! All those buds in the trees that were threatening to burst did so, and the whole view was transformed. There must be some kind of secret communication among the trees, because they all seemed to don their colorful raincoat at almost the same moment. It's not only more colorful, but brighter and more cheerful.

Welcome!

With Spring come the warmer weather, the mosquitoes, and the visitors. There's something rather pleasing about living in a place where people come from all over the world to visit. It makes me more aware of the beauty of Alaska, its uniqueness and diversity. While global warming is still controversial, Alaska seems to be a harbinger of some kind of climate change, and I view with alarm the diminution of our glaciers. However, the warmth that is creeping up is welcome, so long as it doesn't become as warm as the climate I came to Alaska to escape!

The mosquitoes I decline to write about. At least they don't discourage the visitors, although I bet they could do without them easily!

The visitors themselves are a mixed bag. Mostly, they're pretty great people, although there are a few rotten apples. Then there are the unfamiliar voices who phone and say they know so-and-so who told them to call you while visiting here. And the long-lost cousins who want to see you, but nobody knows who to look for. Speaking of color, many of them effect dress more suitable for the tropics, but if they're comfortable, who cares?

The one detriment common to almost all visitors is their contribution to the traffic on our streets and roads. Everyone seems to tailor their driving to their home locale, and some states sport traffic patterns that bewilder. Whenever I go Outside, I try to avoid getting behind the wheel - I don't understand their driving any better than they understand mine.

But on the whole, this is a beautiful season, going into the delightful Summer and thence the Fall. Of course, I'm a Winter person myself, so I'm happy whatever the season, and certainly enjoy our Spring!

Sylvia Short is a long-time champion of GLBT issues and causes, and helped found Four A's and the Alaska chapters of PFLAG and GLSEN.
Love That Doesn’t Speak Its Name

Coming out, openly identifying oneself, is a form of political speech supposedly protected by the First Amendment. However, regardless that the First Amendment was designed for protection, it doesn’t always apply to minorities. According to presented cases, if the plaintiffs would remain silent and wouldn’t speak nor expose their sexuality, the conflicts would be avoided and their speech would have been protected as long as they remained in the closet.

Outspeech is political speech and it deserves to be protected under the First Amendment. No matter if that speech is anonymous or outspoken, it has to be treated like a regular speech. As noted in Ben Greenman’s “Liar, Liar, Yahoo! Internet Life” (March 1999), pseudonymity allows people to experiment with different sorts of interests without social repercussions. People can obscure their real life and play with a different conception of what their life might be. Anonymity is a protection in a way from the harshness and cruelty of other people who have different opinions and views on situations, lifestyles and problems.

As Edward Stein mentioned in his article “Queers Anonymous: Lesbians, Gay Men, Free Speech, and Cyberspace,” cyberspace gave people an opportunity to interact “without the traditional constraints of time, place and manner of communication.” It provided new ways for anonymous and pseudonymous communication. Present Internet providers provide up to 9 or more email boxes per account, as well as Instant Messaging and ICQ (for international communications). Many people use the system properly, but some abuse the system and use anonymity with cruel intentions, including individuals of all sexual orientations: straight, gay, bi, trans, crossdressers, etc.

Discrimination faced by lesbians and gay men put some individuals back in the closet, especially people with government jobs, military staff, religious workers and even teachers. If sexual minorities are open about their sexuality, they might lose their jobs, reputation and respect. The Supreme Court does not protect sexual orientation under the Fourteenth Amendment’s Equal Protection Clause, as it does for classifications based on race, ethnicity, sex, and national origin. The Supreme Court does not consider that sexual orientation deserves heightened scrutiny.

On the other hand, many employers (Disney, Marshall Field’s, Nordstrom) recognize sexual minorities in their equal opportunity policies, and even have domestic partner benefits. However, there are still many employers who do not recognize nor accept homosexuality as a lifestyle. So some employees are forced to stay in the closet, especially those who are not “financially and professionally secure enough to survive the negative ramifications that might follow the disclosure of their homosexuality.” They hide it from their families, friends, coworkers and neighbors. Hiding an important part of their life from society brings stress that they can’t be who and what they are because they know they will not be accepted.

In December 2003 the FBI released a report showing an increase in the percentage of hate crimes based on sexual orientation. In 2002 crimes motivated by sexual orientation reached their highest percentage since the agency began tracking them 12 years ago. In its “Crimes in the United States for 2002,” the most recent year available, the FBI calculated that anti-gay bias crimes represented 16.7 percent of all hate crimes. Racial bias continued to represent the largest percentage of bias-motivated crimes—48.8 percent.

However, many hate crimes against gays and lesbians remain unreported due to fear of reprisals from family and work, especially if the victims are still in the closet or don’t live in a major metropolitan area. And every discrimination gives a green light to hate crimes.

Cyber-activism can play an important role in the organization of political and social change in the lesbian and gay community. Sexual minorities need their opportunity to communicate anonymously. Some service providers require users to identify themselves as gay, lesbian or straight. Without that self-identification, cyber-activism would not be effective or even impossible.

The First Amendment needs to protect all anonymous speech, including cyberspace, regardless if the person is gay or straight. There are plenty of crimes in cyberspace—viruses and cyberstalking—but they can be prosecuted and punished without prohibiting anonymity on the web. Cyberspace is a very important part of gay and lesbian life. It helps to build community, allows users to be open about things and interests, engages in activism, builds families, and is a good way to make friends and exchange ideas and opinions.

Gene Rachinsky was born in Ukraine and came to the U.S. in 1993. He migrated north to Alaska one year ago. He and his English setter Malcolm recently returned to Chicago.
“Celebration” Delivers!

by Teresa McPherson

You never forget your first girlfriend and you never forget your first “Celebration of Change.” This annual spring rite of passage has been a staple of the Anchorage lesbian community since way before I began to notice women.

I’ve attended Celebration since 1997 and this year was the best show I’ve seen yet. The organizers called it “Celebration of Change 2004: Feast of the Goddess,” and it was.

The fast-paced, two-hour evening of entertainment was expertly run, with performers making the most of their seven minutes. The irrepressible Shelly Wozniak shared emcee duties with several performers in the show, with a fresh face introducing each act.

A seven-minute video retrospect produced by Katie Hickey paid homage to Celebrations past. I can barely manage the remote control for my television, so I’m in awe of technical wizards like Katie who can digitize VHS footage to create a flawless presentation that highlighted the best of previous Celebrations.

From music to poetry to humorous skits that left us with new laugh lines, I loved Celebration 2004. From the opening number (a lesbian version of “West Side Story” featuring rival butch and femme gangs!) to the clever musical finale, Celebration delivered.

The aftershow featured live music by Ever Ready at Mad Myrna’s. The two-steppers gracefully two-stepped, while others danced to the smooth sounds of classic rock from this popular and talented all-woman band.

If you missed Celebration of Change this year, you have my condolences.
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**REVIEW:**

**University Production of Mamet’s “Boston Marriage”**

I am an old lesbian. I may not have considered myself qualified as an expert on Victorian lesbian relationships, but I do know that this play is all wrong—all the way from the writing down to the delivery. And who knows better than I? Some other lesbians, to be sure! Think about it. How can a male writer, a male director, conceive of the relationships which are specifically and only women’s? Why, through their own experiences, of course: men’s interactions. And that’s exactly how this play seems to come off.

There are extensive lesbian traditions and history, culture and heritage, which when affirmed warm our hearts and souls. I had hoped for something of this in “Boston Marriage.” The gay men’s culture, too, is rich and venerable, but it is decidedly different.

I am the inheritor, through my late partner, of the early 20th century Anglo/Franco/American tradition of the affluent lesbian “salon” relationship—intellectually, socially, and sexually stimulating. My lover was 14 years older than I. Her late partner, about 15 years older than she, was the English poet, Silvia Dobson. They settled in Santa Barbara, California. As traditionally married and serially monogamous as any straight couple, they set up a comfortable household with lesbian servants. They cultivated friendships with other professional couples, supported each other’s personal pursuits, traveled in style. Our beautiful home featured in the foyer their life-size Kuan Yin and a little writing desk that had belonged to Silvia’s friend, H.D., an English writer well-known in lesbian literature. (The desk was later donated to the Yale archives.)

To the credit of the Theater Department, the set for “Boston Marriage,” with its safari prints, little fireplace, Klimt painting, and even the chintz, captures the flavor of our sitting room.

I tried to imagine Mamet’s clever dialogue being read more sensuously, teasingly, affectionately, sardonically. More like Robin Williams in “The Bird Cage” and less like Hyacinth Bucket. I could imagine those awful ethnic insults delivered to the poor little Scottish maid in a seductive, teasing drone. The servant might respond with delight. I gave the lines between the principals every chance to be those of two women lovers, whether quarreling or not. It didn’t work.

Next time, David and Tom should consult an old lesbian.

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Homosexuality and Civilization

Although I realize this book may only have appeal to the more academically-oriented folks, I still think it is worth reviewing in my column.

*Homosexuality & Civilization* (Harvard University Press, 2003) was written by Louis Crompton, an Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Nebraska. The work is an exhaustive study of the last three thousand years regarding how various countries treated those folks attracted to their own sex, but it spends very little time on the last century or so. So it is for those who have an interest in the historical situation of same-sex love in the world.

And it does cover a lot of the world — more than just Europe and the United States. It begins in Early Greece and notes how same-sex love was valued between men and boys in kind of a mentorship relationship. However, in terms of gender, the Greeks had a dim view of effeminacy with regard to men. The society wanted men to be married and masculine.

In Classical times, the first real negative treatment of same-sex love occurred during the Roman period, partly due to the fact that same-sex relations were originally tied to sex between masters and slaves. It was the Justinian Code in the early 500’s that began the harsh treatment and punishment of homosexuals, setting the tone for many centuries. By that time, as well, Christianity had become the state religion of the empire, and a host of theologians began negatively interpreting certain verses in the Bible, especially the Sodom and Gomorrah story in Genesis, seeing it as condemning homosexuality or ‘sodomites’ as they became called. (Today, it is only a minority of theologians who interpret the story that way, considering it to have much more to do with the lack of hospitality.)

Most European countries created statutes punishing ‘sodomy’, many mandating the death penalty. Spain, with its ties to Catholicism and the Inquisition, was the worst and harshest country in this regard. The other European countries weren’t much better, even the Scandinavian counties, which today are the most accepting of gays. Ironically, the Renaissance and Enlightenment did not improve the situation for same-sex love at all — in fact, it worsened it. Indeed, in England, the worst treatment of homosexuals occurred in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

However, Asia was a different matter, and the book is worth the read if for no other reason than seeing how China and Japan, in particular, handled same-sex love. Until the Communist Revolution of 1949, same-sex love was accepted in China, although the society really didn’t have a conception of a ‘homosexual’ identity. The practices of Buddhist monks were extremely influential, with many indulging in same-sex behaviors. And in Japan, prior to the Meiji takeover in the 1860’s, same-sex love was prevalent in the Buddhist Priesthood and among Samurai warriors. It was only contact with the West and Christianity that changed this accepting attitude.

One final note: even though the book spends the most time on laws and punishments relating to gay men, there are a number of sections which discuss lesbianism and ‘Sapphic’ love.

Yes, I know this book is not exactly most people’s cup of tea, but it is an extremely valuable piece of literature for our community and extremely scholarly and complete.

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Joining Revolution in the “Out Loud” lineup is a wide selection of narrative features, documentaries and shorts about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender life, including:

- The Times of Harvey Milk. This documentary follows the lives and careers of slain gay activist Harvey Milk and his murderer. An unforgettable portrait of communities in conflict.
- No Secret Anymore: The Times of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. Known as the founders of the modern lesbian civil rights movement, Martin and Lyon have been both partners in love and political activism for 50 years.
- Soldier’s Girl. This film chronicles the tragic love affair between a soldier and his girlfriend, a transgender nightclub performer. Based on a true story.

- Different for Girls. When former classmates Karl and Paul meet again after 16 years, they recognize each other immediately, even though Karl is now Kim, a quiet blonde postoperative transsexual. Paul struggles with his attraction toward Kim and the implications it has for his own identity.
- Go Fish. Opposites attract in this lesbian romantic comedy.

For more information about these and other films Sundance Channel will feature during Gay Pride Month, visit www.sundancechannel.com.

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Fri Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.
"Outlook," 5:30 - 7 PM, KSJA-FM 91.5
Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
Arctic Bears, first Friday, 907-479-8680
Sat Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
Homophonic Radio, 3-5 PM, KSJA-FM 91.5

Juneau Events

Wed Social gathering after work, Summit Lounge
"Women's Prerogative," 9 - 10 PM, KTOO-FM
Fri Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 907-789-8167 (Marsha)
Sat PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room

Anchorage Events

Mon AA Gay, Joyous, and Free, 7 PM, GLCCA
Tues PFLAG, 7 PM, third Thursday (except November & December), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St., 566-1813
SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8 PM, 566-1133
Line dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myrma's
Wed IMRU2, 5:30 - 7 PM, first and third Wednesdays, GLCCA, 566-IMRU, leave message for more information
GLSEN, 7 PM, second Wednesday, GLCCA
"Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 8:30 PM, Mad Myrma's
Thu SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 PM, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050
Country Dance Night, lessons 7-8 PM, open dancing 8-10 PM, Mad Myrma's
"Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment; 10 PM, Mad Myrma's
Fri Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (AAAs), Ste. 102, 1037 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050 (Lori)
"Friday Night Divas Show," 9 PM, Mad Myrma's
Sat SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), Noon, Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
Sun Buddhist Morning Service, 11 AM, White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism, 123 E. 11th Avenue, 258-1851
Center for Spiritual Practices & Education Worship Service, 11 AM, 8030 Old Seward Highway, 522-0940 (Rev. Guy Johnson)
Metropolitan Community Church Service, 2 PM, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St.
Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4 PM, Park Lanes, 4350 Ames Ave., 561-8744
Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myrma's, 276-9762 (Jim)

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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 beliefs are welcome. 3201 Tumagain 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. 907-479-8680.

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

Breatheaven Productions has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. 907-277-5630 for upcoming events or productions. akpups@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 YWCA 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. bsran@grci.net

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

The Family (UA Student Club), hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various other social, political, and awareness activities. You DO NOT have to be a UA student to attend. Many of those who attend UA are non-traditional students. www.ua.alaska.edu/clubcouncil/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 Jose's). 907-923-GLBT; gllca@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-educator allies who are interested in the problems of GLBT youth in our public schools. Anchorage 907-562-7161 (Fred) flhurman@alaska.net; Fairbanks Lisa Sluyter or Jeff Watters e/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 Local Youth Conference/Seminar, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. PO Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-923-GLBT; www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), 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 104012, Anchorage, AK 99510-4012. www.icoaa.org

IMRU2, the social group for GLBT youth, ages 13 to 18. We eat, chat, watch videos, play games, and do lots of laughing. Join us and tell your friends. 5:30 PM Wednesdays at GLCCA. 907-566-IMRU(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. 907-433-4222 (for assistance or volunteering information).
OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

The Last Frontier Men’s Club, a social club for the leather/bear community. Brief business meeting & potluck social at 6 PM second Sundays at Mad Myrna’s, 530 E. 5th Avenue. “Dinner Night Out” and several campouts are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information about events. TLFMC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862.

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominately gay/lesbian/bisexual Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship a loving and compassionate God. 2 PM Sundays. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Penbrooke St. (East of 24th Ave. & Boniface Pkwy). See website for location map and calendar of current events. 907-258-5265. mccanchorage@ymail.com

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

OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) & Travel 50 Two groups for women over 50. 907-868-2662. rosebelle60@gmail.com

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

Out North. Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 1325 Primrose St., Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-8099 (voice/mail), 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 Penbrooke St. 907-566-1813 (voice/mail).

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).


The Alaska GLBT community. To receive these notices or to submit an item for distribution: alaskagbtnews@yahoo.com

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

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

Grizz List, a mailing list for the Women’s Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. grizzlist@gei.net

National and Political GLBT News. Landmark case decisions and other noteworthy announcements from national organizations. To join, send an e-mail to: bsara@gei.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. SDGLA, P.O. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. 907-786-0429.

The Pink Ink, a newsletter published in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks GLBT community. Interim Newsletter, 71248, Fairbanks, AK 99707. 907-452-4222. pinkink@alaska.com

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation via website and e-mail. For more info contact Michael Hasse at michael2001@gei.net or michael2001@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...
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