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COVER VIEW

Misty Dawn (H.R.H. Empress XIII) greets loyal fans at the Celebrating Diversity Parade during PrideFest 2004. In her stunning red sequined ensemble with coordinating headress, she stood regally atop a red convertible driven by friends Fred and Mary, and later received the “Best Costume” award for the second year in a row. Misty Dawn was crowned “The Firebird Empress” by the Imperial Court of All Alaska in 1985, and was the first transgender Empress.

When not captivating fans at the PrideFest parade, Misty Dawn can be found at Mad Myrna’s gliding elegantly between the tables where she serves drinks with a quiet, mysterious smile.

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Show Your Pride

I think I’ve spent half my summer at the Delaney Park Strip this year.

I work one block from the park strip, so I get out and power walk the strip at lunch. I’ve also attended a number of fun events at this much-loved downtown park, from Juneteenth to the Alaska Oceans Festival and, of course, our very own PrideFest in late June.

This month we have a great photo spread of the very successful Celebrating Diversity Parade and the Festival on the Park Strip that followed. Don’t miss the article by PrideFest chair Diana Wolfe about the week-long slate of events that left us all exhausted but smiling.

This month a few writers also wrote about volunteering within our community and beyond. Events like PrideFest are a success only because a host of volunteers gave generously of their time and their energy to make it happen, and because of the equally generous financial support of PrideFest sponsors like The Imperial Court of All Alaska and others.

This week as I walked my familiar park strip route during my lunch hour, I thought about the most recent event I attended at the park. It was the second annual Alaska Oceans Festival, organized to raise awareness of our fragile marine treasures. One of my favorite entertainers performed at the festival: Seattle singer/ songwriter Laura Love and her band with their distinctive Afro/funk/pop sounds.

One of her last tunes was a simple but catchy little number called Let Your Freak Flag Fly. The lyrics were about pride and about being different, and that it’s ok to be whatever and whoever you are.

While we enjoy the remainder of our gorgeous Alaskan summer, let’s take Laura’s advice and together let our freak flag fly!

Warmly,
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To Volunteer or Not: That is the Question

*Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed.* —Grenville Kleiser

Each day offers us the chance to make a difference in the world. For many people the best way to express this desire is to volunteer. Remarkable benefits can come to us from the act of sharing our caring, our time and our talents with others. Time spent volunteering can be an affirmation of the bond that exists between us and others.

Some time ago I had the opportunity to interview Juneau resident and Super Volunteer, Debra K. Gerrish. As a result of this encounter, I was able to write an article about her for the Online Mentoring Women section of *The Alaska Women’s Network.* I listened to her describe how and why she has chosen volunteering as a life path.

The following is a compilation of Debra’s and my experiences volunteering. These speak both to the volunteer and to the agency or organization using volunteer help.

**ADVANTAGES OF VOLUNTEERING**
- Network with new people.
- Showcase your existing talents and skills.
- Learn new skills, techniques, and programs.
- Make positive changes in the organization.
- Have flexible time schedules.
- Enhance personal growth and learn at a deeper level.
- Increase skills in being a team player.
- Find out what tasks/jobs are not suitable to one’s personality or abilities.
- Try out different career choices and job opportunities.
- Create the potential for travel, training, conferences, retreats.
- Have a source for letters of recommendation.
- Obtain leads for upcoming openings for paid positions within an organization.
- Increase one’s personal relationships and broaden horizons.

**VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Put your flexibility, integrity, talents, skills and honesty to work.
- Be responsible and reliable; show up on time and stay the whole time.
- Treat it like a job; call in if you’re going to be late or cannot be there.
- Show respect for yourself, others, and the work environment.
- Do not participate in gossip or backbiting.
- Work for the common good of the organization; be positive.
- Remember: if you are a “control freak,” volunteering probably will not work for you or for those around you!

**AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES TO VOLUNTEERS**
- Appreciate volunteers; tell and show them they are valued.
- Give volunteers the tools, information and training they need to do the job right.
- Provide a safe and healthy environment (this includes maintaining boundaries and safeguarding personal information and access).
- Do not participate in gossip, backbiting or favoritism.
- Give volunteers time and opportunity to utilize their skills and training.
- Bring volunteers together so they can meet face to face.
- Maintain an accurate schedule and open communication.
- Don’t be controlling or micro-managing.
- Keep in mind that time is a gift and volunteers are “spending” their very valuable time with you.
- Invest time and money to help volunteers grow and increase their value as workers and individuals.
- Keep in mind that people’s lives and circumstances change, sometimes quickly.
- Provide and define reachable goals (projects, overviews, timelines, events).
- Do not assume the volunteers are always available.
- Remember that “Thank You” are the sweetest words a volunteer can hear.

The Internet and newspapers list needed volunteer positions for your community. It is generally wise to go to the agencies to which you are naturally drawn. Look at your lifestyle, time constraints, transportation and personal goals and skills; and then approach the agency volunteer chairperson with your desire to help.

A final word of advice: Be sure to pace yourself. “Volunteer burnout” is very real and does little to benefit you or the agency.
An Unanticipated Volunteer Opportunity

The party was going nicely with many young people mixing around in various rooms of the host’s apartment. Then I saw her. A pretty looking high school girl sitting in a corner. She looked like she hadn’t eaten well in days. Her clothes were unwashed and her face smudged. I walked over to her. “Hi, I’m Tim. It looks like you’ve been through quite a bit.” “My name is Ann. My stepmother doesn’t ever want me to come home again,” she blurted out. “What happened?” I probed. “She doesn’t approve of the friends I hang around with, especially Jeff who is gay. She is also convinced I’m into drugs and am going to get pregnant at these parties.” “I don’t know why I’m even telling you this. I barely know you.” “Perhaps that is why you’re telling me this. I have no opinions formed about you in advance.” She stared at the floor for a while. I sat down next to her and said nothing. “My stepmother never feeds me and seldom has anything in the kitchen for me to cook for myself. She swears and yells at me all the time and accuses me of things I’ve never done.” she spoke quietly. “Sometimes she just orders me to leave. That’s when I find a friend’s house and sleep on the couch.”

I mulled this information over for a bit. “I have a spare bedroom in my condo if you would like some more permanent place to live.” “Really?” she stammered in surprise. “Go home when you know your stepmother isn’t there and get as much of your stuff as you can, or get a friend with a car to help you. Come to my condo and I’ll give you the spare bedroom and the house key.” “What would I be expected to do for you?” she said warily. “I have three rules: I’m not your parent so make your own meals, there is plenty in the kitchen; I don’t care when you get home, just don’t wake me; and never skip classes in high school.”

Ann came excitedly to my door the next day with a couple of friends hauling her stuff. In the following days I got her to volunteer for projects helping kids with disabilities. I even tutored her in sign language. I encouraged her to take babysitting jobs to learn more about young children (and responsibility). She especially liked sitting for kids with disabilities. It was more of a challenge but she learned a lot. In return I helped push through court emancipation of a minor paperwork to release her legally from her stepmother, who never did ask where she was staying and who she was staying with.

I was thrilled when she graduated from high school with honors and went on to college. To make sure she would stay in college and be successful I sent her monthly allowance checks for the first two years. After that she had secured herself an after school job. I checked up on her about a year ago and she has now received a Masters in Early Childhood Education and is working for a school district as an early childhood education teacher and continues to help with children with disabilities. A gentle push in the right direction was all it took to take her from that despondent child sitting in a corner, to a highly respected adult educator. She took what she learned from me and put it into practice.

Volunteering to do something does not have to wait for someone to ask you. It doesn’t have to even be for an organization. Sometimes if the problem is apparent you can take it on yourself, as a personal volunteer project. Each time you volunteer, whether individually or for a group, you change a bit of society or people. It is truly wonderful to be able to look back years later and say “look at what my volunteering did. I made a difference.”

Tim Weiss does not play by the rules, runs with scissors, draws outside the lines, and is not playing with a full deck. Despite that he continues to volunteer every time he sees a need.
Museum Features Thoughtful Film

The following film will be shown at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art Aug. 14 & 15 (Saturday and Sunday) at 6 p.m. Admission is $4 for members, $5 non-member seniors, and $6 general admission.

SON FRERE (Son frère), France 2003 in French with English subtitles, no MPAA rating, 93 minutes. Drama directed by Patrice Chéreau

This harrowing family tale about illness and grief is directed by the commanding Patrice Chereau (QUEEN MARGOT, INTIMACY). Captivating at every moment, the film thrives on the emotional intensity of its characters.

Thomas (Bruno Todeschini) has been diagnosed with a strange blood disease, and he calls on his brother Luc (Eric Caravaca) for help. Though they both live in Paris, they are not close, using Luc’s homosexuality as the barrier between them. Stereotypes are dissipated through these characters. Luc is gay, yet self-assured and healthy; Thomas is straight, yet self-defeating and sick.

The chronology jerks forward months at a time—February, July, March, and so forth—as if time is on pause, and it might just stop. Thomas’s illness is unpredictable, and his hospital stays happen unexpectedly, keeping everyone—parents, Thomas’ girlfriend Claire (Nathalie Boutefeu), and Luc’s boyfriend Vincent—in a state of constant anxiety.

With painful-to-watch hospital scenes and moments of tortured emotional outpouring, SON FRERE is a poignant portrait of coping with human mortality.

Going Away Party for Al & Dan
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Please join Identity, Inc. for a going away party for Al & Dan. There will be fun, refreshments and an opportunity to wish them a bon voyage! For more information, call 929-4528.

Al & Dan request that in lieu of gifts, you consider making a donation to Identity for programs and projects to benefit the GLBT community.
PrideFest Recap
Equal: No More, No Less

This year’s PrideFest was a resounding success. The committee worked rigorously and diligently for almost a year to bring about a wonderful week of activities.

The week began with the Gay Memorial at the Anchorage Cemetery on Saturday, June 19. A small but intent group of people gathered to remember those who have gone before us. The monument, with its pink marble triangle, symbolizes the unity this community celebrates.

The film at the Anchorage Museum of Art and History was well attended and told the true story of Aimee and Jaguar, two women in Nazi Germany who found love in the midst of horror. One of them was a Jew and one was the wife of a Nazi soldier. The GLCCA has the book if anyone is interested in reading the story. I left in tears.

Our kick-off barbecue at the Raven on Sunday was excellent. It was a gorgeous day and we mingled as we celebrated the official start of the week-long PrideFest. Larry Kaiser did a wonderful job with the meal this year.

A good crowd showed up for the film Latter Days at the BearTooth Theatre on Monday night. It was a very compelling story that affected many in deep ways. It seems both films this year were ones that touched our hearts.

Tuesday night we had our annual PrideFest potluck at the Den on UAA’s campus. It was a small crowd, but we enjoyed the evening very much. Good food was shared and conviviality was shared.

On Wednesday evening Four A’s sponsored “Get Poked: National HIV Testing Celebration” at Bernie’s Bungalow Lounge. I was one of seventeen to get tested. Adam and Steve had more testing on Thursday evening at Drag Queen Bingo, an always popular PrideFest event.

Friday night was busy. Scouting for All had a film, and the Human Rights Campaign had a town meeting to discuss issues facing the GLBT community. These were followed by the Mr., Ms., and Miss Gay Anchorage contests at Mad Myrna’s. We enjoyed an interesting and fun show with the contestants and other entertainers.

Then there was Saturday! What a gorgeous, hot day for a great time with the Celebrating Diversity Parade and the festival on the park strip, both generously underwritten by the Imperial Court of All Alaska. We had a wonderful afternoon, with super entertainment, lots of people, fine food, great vendors, and loads of fun.

That night was Allie’s Slave Auction for a Day. Many climbed the stage at Mad Myrna’s to be auctioned off for different activities.

Some were going to prepare dinners, others would help out with chores. It was a wonderful event and half the proceeds went to the GLCCA. A big thanks to Mad Myrna (Jeff Wood) and Allie Hernandez.

The Sunday, June 27, barbecue by The Last Frontier Men’s Club closed the week’s celebrations. We ate until the food was all gone – literally. It was a little cloudy and cool, which was a welcome relief from the rest of the week. Proceeds from the barbecue this year will fund a sign for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, and a note from Michael French, the new club president, says that they came close enough to their goal to be able to get the sign. Yeah!

I want to personally thank the wonderful and cohesive committee that worked with me this year:

- Tom Rachal, my right hand man, organized the advertisers, helped me get the program to the designers, helped Michael sort out vendors, and many other things too numerous to list. Thanks, dear Tom!
- Michael French used his skills to organize the largest group of vendors this year we’ve had yet. Thanks much, you wonderful “big bear.”
- Kent Briske headed up the parade and did a superb job. Thanks, Kent, from the bottom of my heart.
- New to the committee this year was Sue Salas-Peterson, who organized the events. Thanks, Sue, and welcome to PrideFest!

"Then there was Saturday! What a gorgeous, hot day for the great time with the Celebrating Diversity parade and the festival on the park strip, both generously underwritten by the Imperial Court of All Alaska."
• Also new was Donna Moody who organized the volunteers all week and headed up the t-shirt sales. Donna, it was a pleasure to work with you, thanks so much.

• I don’t know what we’d have done without Norm Schlitter, our logistics man. He organized the permits, the purchase of merchandise, banners, and other items, and got us all put together as far as the logistics of putting on the event. Thanks, my dear man.

• And then there’s Steve Gingrich, who was our jack of all trades this year. He helped out tremendously at the Festival, building things and getting things done. Thanks, Steve.

• Shelly Wozniak headed up the entertainment at the last minute when Kristara had a work commitment that took her away. She did a great job!

• Vicki Evans was emcee at the Festival and, in spite of her dress (as she said), did a wonderful job.

• Last, but not least, were Tim Pearson and Brian Chen, who did a high-quality program that put any other program to shame! I really appreciate their wonderful design capabilities and expertise. Thanks, dear guys, for an outstanding program.

All of these also contributed throughout the year as we worked together to bring about PrideFest 2004. Also, I want to mention two others: Dee Gould suggested the wonderful theme and Tim Pearson designed the winning logo.

It was a fun year and everything ran so smoothly. If you would like to help out with next year’s PrideFest, please let me know at dwolfe@identityinc.org.

The indefatigable Diana Wolfe is leaving the Board of Identity to assume the critical part-time position of administrative assistant for Identity.
PrideFest Parade Winners 2004!

Best Float
1st Place: The Imperial Court of All Alaska
2nd Place: Adam & Steve

Best Motorized (non-float)
1st Place: Mad Myrna's
2nd Place: Dykes on Bykes

Best Marching/Walking Unit
1st Place: four A's
2nd Place: Fam-J Talent Agency
3rd Place: Gay/Straight Alliance

Best Original Individual Marcher
Mattias Flensburg

Best Costume
Misty Dawn

Most Enthusiastic
Adam & Steve

Best Overall
Adam & Steve
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That’s Why They’re in Cages, People!

I’ll admit it! Yes, I am an academic, and I’m more drawn to serious, non-fiction works like histories, biographies or theoretical works. But I don’t think of myself as stodgy, and I do like to laugh and have fun now and then. And, believe it or not, that includes some of the books I read. A case in point is the latest work by Joel Perry entitled That’s Why They’re in Cages, People! (Alyson, 2003). I’ll leave it to you if you decide to read it to figure out the meaning of the title. I’m not entirely certain.

Joel Perry is a writer for Instinct magazine and also writes comedy sketches for a radio network syndicate. He currently lives in Los Angeles, is in his forties, is into leather, and has a partner named Fred. Two of his previous books are Going Down: The Instinct Guide to Oral Sex and Funny That Way.

Containing 57 essays, most about three or four pages in length, the book may be a tonic for gay folks – especially gay men – when the oppressive, heterosexual world is getting the best of you. Just grab a beer, glass of wine or cocktail, put your feet up, and read a few of Joel’s insightful and hilarious essays. Even if you’re home alone, you’ll likely start chuckling out loud (I did). Joel fights back with gays’ most potent weapon: wit. Most straight people just can’t match us in that department and Joel is on the A-list when it comes to that.

The topics of the essays are extremely varied, so you can pick and choose. I especially enjoyed the ones on religion, since I had a few things in common with Joel on that one. We’d both grown up going to the United Methodist Church, and even though he was a Southerner and I’m from the Northwest, I found his observations on the mark. He is so right when he says our responsibility as congregates was to sit in the pews and feign attention and that reverence was expressed as discomfort. He also goes to MCC-Los Angeles nowadays, and I had a few years going to MCC myself. He describes it as the noisy church, but the stunning thing about it is that unlike most noisy churches – which are Pentecostal and judgmental – MCC is anything but that.

I mentioned above that Joel is a Southerner. He may even think of himself as a recovering Southerner. But despite the fact he couldn’t wait to get out of the South (I think he’s from North Carolina), my impression is that you can never take the Southerner boy out of even a gay man from the South. He truly has a love-hate relationship with his region of origin. Yes, he may despise the bigotry and the militarism, but his fond memories of its natural beauty and the luscious Southern food is evident in a number of his essays.

I mentioned that Joel was into leather, and I got the impression that he came to it later in life than most do. It’s not my scene, but I nonetheless found absolutely hilarious his descriptions of learning about it. Indeed, the essay regarding how to properly put on leather pants is worth the price of the book.

Like many of us in the gay community, Joel’s wit and cynicism helps him deal with being wounded by the oppression of the heterosexual world. But that’s also why he’s so resilient. In fact, he is so resilient that his final essay extends an olive branch to straights. That was a surprise.

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Volunteering and Karma

The American version of Karma is “what goes around, comes around.”
Why volunteer at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center? Do it to even out your Karma!
Feeling guilty about not saving the world? Harness your angst and contribute to the GLBT community for one afternoon or evening per month and feel a whole lot better.
Sign up at the GLCCA for a three-hour shift once a week, alternating weeks, or once a month.
Anyone can make points towards their volunteering karma, even if they don’t have a great deal of time to spare. So for any of you out there who feel you just don’t have the time to give—share a shift.
Top up your Karma quotient and spend some quality time with your “sweetie” at the same time. Sign up for a volunteer shift together. Watch a movie, check out the cable networks, check out some cool books in the library, or just visit with one another.
Is it really worth doing something for nothing? You’ll sleep better, feel better, and become irresistibly attractive to people who might never otherwise pay you a second glance. No, honestly!

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<td>Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050</td>
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<td>Country Dance Night, lessons 7-8 PM, open dancing 8-10 PM, Mad Myma's</td>
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<td>Fri</td>
<td>Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (44A's), Ste. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050 (Lori)</td>
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<td>&quot;Friday Night Divas Show,&quot; 9 PM, Mad Myma's</td>
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<td>Center for Spiritual Practices &amp; Education Worship Service, 11 AM, 8050 Old Seward Highway, 522-0940 (Rev. Guy Johnson)</td>
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<td>Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myma's, 276-9762 (Jim)</td>
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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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<td>PFLAG, 4 - 5:30 PM, third Sunday, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4448 Pike's Landing Road</td>
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### Juneau Events

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<td>&quot;Women's Prerogative,&quot; 9 - 10 PM, KTOO-FM</td>
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<td>Fri</td>
<td>Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 907-793-8167 (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**
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, 907-263-2090 (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: aclarq@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. fbagla@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 intersex people in all aspects of personal and public life. 907-566-ACR1. AlaskansforCivilRights@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 beliefs are welcome. 3201 Tumagain St., Anchorage. 907-248-0715.

Anchorage Women’s Political Caucus. Open to all women. 7pm, first Wednesday. Elmner'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.

Breakeven 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. bsamir@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 other social, political, and awareness activities. We DO NOT have to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. www.uaa.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. 9 AM to 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). 907-929-GLCCA. 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-educator allies 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 GLBTA community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and Lesbian HelpLine, NorthVIEW, PrideFest, Living Out Loud Youth Conference Seminars, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. P.O. Box 208807, Anchorage, AK 99520-0807. 907-929-GLCCA. www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (COOA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Alaska 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.cooa.org

IMIRU, 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-IMIRU(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. 907-452-4222 (for assistance or volunteering information).
OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

The Last Frontier Men's Club, a social club for the Lev/leatherbear community. Brief business meeting & potluck social at 6 PM second Sundays at Mad Mymia's, 530 E. 5th Avenue, "Dinner Night Out" and several campouts are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information and list of community events. TLFMC, PO 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/bi/transgendered 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. 907-258-5266. 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 Annex Avenue, Anchorage. 907-561-8744 mlk@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 (Anne) opal@gei.net

Out North, Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 1325 Primrose St, Anchorage, AK 99508, 907-270-8000 (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 Penbrooke St 907-566-1813 (voicemail).

PFLAG of Fairbanks, promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. 907-454-PFLAG (for meetings and events).

PFLAG of Sitka (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gay) Meetings: 7 PM second and fourth Sundays. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall; 408 Marine, Sitka.

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-GLBT prideatheshgpark@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. 222 Seward, 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 (Soldotna), a group of people with HIV, AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2889 (Jan).

Women's Ultimate Frisbee. 10:30 AM Sundays, West end of Delaney Parkstrip. 907-278-5179 (Jan 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 Hause at michaelh2001@gei.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: alaskagltnews@yahoo.com

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

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

Grrlz List, a mailing list for the Women's Community. Event announcements, inquiries, discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. GrrlzList@gei.net

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

The Anchorage Press, an alternative weekly newspaper 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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