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Cover View

Political signs adorn the tidy lawns of several downtown homes in late August, reminding us that Election Day isn’t far away. As individual voters and members of the Alaska GLBTA community, let’s work together to combat voter apathy and cast our votes for the candidates whose progressive values most closely reflect our own.
A Chore, a Conversation and an Unexpected Ally

On a hot, lazy Monday evening in late July, I stood at the airport post office affixing address labels and postage to the August edition of NorthVIEW.

Normally, my husband Danny helps me with this task, often at our dining room table while we catch up on the day’s events. But on this night, Danny had band practice and I forgot to pre-purchase the postage. So I waited in line to buy postage and then used the customer counter at the opposite end of the post office lobby to do my labeling. The sun poured in through large picture windows on this hot summer evening, and I felt like a wilted tomato plant in a greenhouse with poor ventilation.

While I worked, a pleasant woman and her young daughter came to the counter to label post cards for her business. We began to chat while we worked. She told me she did a monthly mail out and I said I did the same. She finished her job first and then offered to help me, so I took her up on the offer. We worked together and chatted while we stuck address labels on each newsletter.

Eventually she asked what we were mailing. I took a deep breath, thinking she might invent some errand and leave abruptly once I explained she was helping mail a newsletter produced by the local gay and lesbian nonprofit advocacy organization. Instead, she smiled warmly and said she had gay and lesbian friends and acquaintances and was happy to help.

We had fun working and chatting together. I learned she owns a small café in downtown Anchorage that serves exquisite lunches and exotic teas from around the world. When we finished our task, I thanked her warmly and asked for the name of her café so I could drop by one day soon since I work in the downtown area. Her business is called Utter Indulgence Tea Room, on 6th Avenue behind the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. If you like fine food and equally fine teas, drop by. It’s important to support the businesses that support us.

I went home that evening feeling warm inside. What could have been a chilly or even hostile moment instead was a kind and extremely pleasant encounter. I met a very nice person who could care less whom people choose to love.

This month one NV writer shares her experience of finding an unexpected ally. Another writer shares information about the less friendly moments GLBT individuals have experienced recently in our great state. It’s important to cherish the unexpected moments when people are good and kind and fair. They help to balance those times when the world is a less friendly place.

I encourage you to celebrate those cherished moments of grace and good will, but to also exercise caution in those moments when allies are in short supply.

Warmly,

Teresa McPherson
Editor
Unexpected Allies: THE EMAIL OF MY LIFE

I still have the email my daughter-in-law sent me when she found out I was in a Lesbian relationship with a woman. Not knowing what to expect, I first told my son that I was in love...with a woman...and got the happy response I knew he would offer: “As long as you’re happy Mom, that’s all that matters.”

I asked him if he wanted me to tell his wife or if he wanted to. He said he would and within twenty-four hours I got ‘The Email of My Life’.

I was in the closet for so many years I had remodeled it over and over! I even teased with close friends that it was the best closet a lesbian could ask for: I bragged about it being remodeled and even having a TV, Jacuzzi, sauna, atrium, aviary, stereo, etc. Of course, it was still a closet, and the additions only in my imagination.

I knew I was at least bisexual by age twenty-eight, then chose a long period of celibacy after starting into recovery in 1988. I emerged with appreciation for men and the clear realization that the level of intimacy I needed in a partner could only come from a woman. That’s a pretty good definition of ‘Lesbian’ for me. As retirement drew closer, I began hanging out with lesbian friends and going to different ‘community’ events. I tried it out and it WAS what I wanted.

When I met my last partner, the closet seemed to melt into thin air. Pride in our relationship, our respect and love for one another seemed to dissipate the walls of that closet I had built for the comfort of others.

I retired after thirty-one years of teaching and never came out at work. I did come out to my son, my close friends who didn’t already know, and to my 12-step recovery group (to which I have belonged for sixteen years, staying clean and sober but not discussing my sexuality). I found both the process and ensuing freedom very exciting. Becoming ‘authentic’ at last was so empowering I could hardly contain myself.

Many more positive than negative responses resulted from my disclosure, but by far the most endearing and heart-warming response was that of my beloved daughter-in-law. This beautiful young woman gave me unconditional love and heartfelt congratulations. She welcomed my partner into her life and into our family. I love her for that.

“‘I UNDERSTAND CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER. DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TWO FANTASTIC MOTHERS IN LAW NOW OR IS THAT PREMATURE?’”

S. Gould 05/2000

Dee Gould is a happily retired educator, writer, photographer and poet who loves travel, adventure and meeting new people.

FAMILY SECRETS

I’m not an authority but, oh! You are!

You know the secrets the answers, the rules

Rules are tossed to make way for your truth, which strangely, is not my truth.

Truth rides on the back of a bird, always elusive, flapping away, just out of reach.

Truth feeds at the fountain of our pain over family loyalty. Paradoxically, one seems to preclude the other.

—Pam Savage
Job Encounter of the Worst Kind

I recently applied for a job advertised in the newspaper as “Local Director of National Youth Organization.” The advertisement said nothing to indicate which organization, only a fax number to send a resume. Hiding the name of the organization seemed odd, but the short description sounded rather interesting so I faxed my resume not expecting to hear back.

A few days later I got a phone call from a woman who said “Hi. This is the Anchorage Boy Scouts. We got your resume and would like to schedule you for an interview.” At the words “Boy Scouts,” I nearly choked on my coffee. Quickly I pondered and decided to go through with an interview just to see what was up, and to see what type of anti-gay policy they have. Who knows? It might just be a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

Before the interview I cleverly disguised myself as a straight. I put away my earrings. Put aside my designer silk ascots and scarves. Passed over the other designer labels like Versace, Armani, and Hugo Boss. I picked a nondescript shirt and tasteful tie instead.

I showed up for my interview and was met by a rotund assistant CEO who had terrible taste in suits. He spent most of the interview talking at me rather than asking me about myself. He seemed to love to hear his own voice. I eagerly encouraged him to do all the talking.

“The previous person in this position was a girl who didn’t really know what she was doing,” he stated, making it obvious that his priority was to find a “real man” to do the job this time around. His lack of sincerity oozed from every pore.

“You’re resume is excellent and you are the number one person on our list,” he stated. “I would like you to meet the CEO as soon as possible, but he is out of the office today. But first you will need to fill out this paper and sign the declaration.” Uh oh! A “declaration.”

The declaration you are required to sign to be an employee of the Boy Scouts of America states in part: “In the exercise of its constitutional right to bring the values of Scouting to its youth members, the Boy Scouts of America will not employ atheists, agnostics, known or avowed homosexuals, or others as professional Scouters or in other capacities in which such employment would tend to interfere with its mission of reinforcing the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in young people.”

It took me no time at all to make my decision. My response was to simply say, “I am no longer available for this position.”

Tim Weiss is a secret agent for the Gay Mafia, assigned to look for the worst of anti-gay discriminators, sneak into their homes at night, and viciously pierce their ears.
Anchorage Gay Community Members Physically Attacked

In a four-week period in July and August of this year, a series of late night, early morning physical attacks occurred against members of the Anchorage gay community.

It began in early July. A member of our community camping at McHugh Creek was attacked and had to be hospitalized. He almost did not survive the attack. He received a series of stitches on his face and the back of his head from the especially brutal attack. The police do not know the identity of the attackers and they remain at large.

In the early morning of August 2, two members of our community were approached by men asking for cigarettes. These were separate incidents but were similar in nature. Both cases involved men asking for cigs and then attacking. One of the victims had one of his knees cracked in the incident. The other was punched in the face and had his glasses broken as he was called “faggot.”

In yet another incident, on July 23rd a car parked in the Eastside/Muldoon area was vandalized. Only one car among many was vandalized and it was the only vehicle in the parking lot with a Pride sticker on it.

We need to be cautious, folks! DON’T walk home from work or the clubs by yourself! If you have a roommate or a significant other and they are not home when you expect them to be, find out why. Don’t assume that “everything is ok.” We are our community’s best defense, and we need to keep our eyes open and pay attention to our surroundings.

This is a rash of violence we have not seen for awhile, and it seems to be getting worse and more frequent. We shouldn’t panic, but we should be more aware of our surroundings and walk home in groups or take a cab. Keeping Mace or pepper spray on your person to protect yourself is also a very good idea, but think before using it. Mace and the like is for self defense, not to be used in anger after an insult.

In short: be watchful, be aware, and keep your ears perked and your eyes – and your mind – open.

Fenceberry News Service Comes to an End

Aleta Fencroy and Jean Mayberry, who have long run a gay news service available via e-mail known as Fenceberry, stopped the service as of July 31.

Apparently, they were receiving flack from America Online (AOL) as “Spammers,” even though everyone on their list asked to be. This and their desire to spend more time on local projects – and with each other – led to their decision.

The Fenceberry list was an invaluable tool to learn about the gay community around the world. Everything from Pride parties and festivals to hate crimes found its way into their news feed. They have operated the list since 1996, when they took it over from Iowa activist Bill Stosine.

Aleta and Jean twice made Out Magazine’s Top 100 list of gay activists. The awards were well deserved. Their efforts to educate us in matters concerning our community have been greatly appreciated by many these eight, great years. They will be sorely missed.

The ladies suggest that folks wanting news on gay issues in the future use the web site www.news.google.com.
Living Out Loud: Building on Success

The Living Out Loud youth series last year was so successful, the coordinating committee (comprised of representatives from Identity, GLSEN and PFLAG) is planning an expansion for the 2004-05 school year.

Last year we offered four workshops between January and April, one Saturday afternoon each month. The Family, the UAA LGBT group, generously co-sponsored the workshop series and arranged for use of a great windowed conference room on the UAA campus at no charge.

Shepherded by our energetic series coordinator, April Farrell, local area high school youth attended four workshops:

- relationships and relationship-building, presented by Jackie Buckley
- history and culture of gay and lesbian Americans, presented by Gale Smoke
- communication skills for GLBT youth, presented by Jackson Steele
- internalized homophobia, presented by Victoria Shaver.

Although these are serious topics indeed, every time I popped in to see how things were going, everyone seemed to be having a great time.

A total of twenty-four young people participated, many of whom attended each of the workshops. They came from nearly all our area schools, including Chugiak/Eagle River and, in one case, a private local school. They were of varying ages and grade level; some have graduated from high school but the majority will be returning to their local schools this coming year. We hope they will spread the word about the fun and the knowledge to be had in attending the series.

Identity, Inc., GLSEN and PFLAG all want to thank our four generous presenters for the time and energy they put into their workshops. We are also grateful to the generous donors who provided financial support for the series, which allowed us to provide refreshments and instructional supplies for the workshops, as well as a stipend to April as she worked out the details for the meetings.

If anyone reading this happens to harbor an idea for a workshop topic pertinent to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender teens or their allies, would be interested in being a LOL presenter, or would like to help with coordinating this program, please step forward! You can reach me via email at marymparker@yahoo.com, or Diana Wolfe at dwolfe@identityinc.org.

Mary Parker is a member of PFLAG. She actively supports youth and safe schools issues affecting the local area and our state.

April Farrell coordinates the Living Out Loud youth program and serves as a staff volunteer at the GLCCA.

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Deafness

The tapping of my pen is as a drum beating
A train is a dinosaur bellowing
Birds are the tiniest squeaks
and my love, your voice is barely there....

What has happened to me?
I am encased in stone....

Pam Savage
What is Marriage?

Probably this has made the rounds in email, but it’s well worth repeating! My comments are in parentheses.

The Presidential Prayer Team is currently urging us to “Pray for the President as he seeks wisdom on how to legally codify the definition of marriage. Pray that it will be according to Biblical principles. With any forces insisting on variant definitions of marriage, pray that God’s Word and His standards will be honored by our government.”

Any good religious person believes prayer should be balanced by action. So here, in support of the Prayer Team’s admirable goals, is a proposed Constitutional Amendment codifying marriage entirely on Biblical principles.

A. Marriage in the United States shall consist of a union between one man and one or more women. (Gen 29:17-28; II Sam 3:2-5.)

B. Marriage shall not impede a man’s right to take concubines in addition to his wife or wives. (II Sam 5:13; I Kings 11:3; II Chron 11:21)

C. A marriage shall be considered valid only if the wife is a virgin. If the wife is not a virgin, she shall be executed. (Deut 22:13-21)

D. Marriage between a believer and a nonbeliever shall be forbidden. (Gen 24:3; Num 25:1-9; Ezra 9:12; Neh 10:30)

E. Since marriage is for life, neither this Constitution nor the constitution of any State, nor any state or federal law, shall be construed to permit divorce. (Deut 22:19; Mark 10:9)

F. If a married man dies without children, his brother shall marry the widow. If he refuses to marry his brother’s widow or deliberately does not give her children, he shall pay a fine of one shoe and be otherwise punished in a manner to be determined by law. (Gen. 38:6-10; Deut 25:5-10)

(If the above appeals to you, or even if it doesn’t, you can reach either of our estimable U.S. Senators at 1-877-762-8762 to tell them, or even, possibly preferably, to tell them not to amend the Constitution about family at all.)

(And—continuing in a religious vein, the following is a letter written Laura Schlessinger, the U.S. radio personality who dispenses advice to people who call in to her radio show. Recently, she said that, as an observant Orthodox Jew, homosexuality is an abomination, according to Leviticus 18:22, and cannot be condoned under any circumstance. The following response is an open letter to Dr. Laura, penned by a U.S. resident, and posted on the Internet.)

Dear Dr. Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God’s Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God’s Laws and how to follow them.

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can’t I own Canadians?

2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness (Lev. 15:19-24). The problem is how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

4. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor the Lord (Lev. 1-9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

5. I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or should ask the police to do it?

6. A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 11:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don’t agree. Can you settle this? Are there ‘degrees’ of abomination?

7. Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle-room here?)
**SYLVIA SHORT**

8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev. 19:29. How should they die?

9. I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

10. My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them (Lev. 24:10-16)? Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your adoring fan.

(This is not meant to be blasphemous, as I don't particularly want to be stoned or burned, but it does point out some problems of translation from a bygone age and through several different languages.)

*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.*

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**Queer Anatomy Takes the Stage in Out North's 20th Season**

The great unknown of gender illusion, show tunes, identity confusion, and a vintage comedy about same-sex marriage seize the stage at Out North this season.

A revival of Eve Ensler's *THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES* opens the black box on Sept. 23. In October, internationally celebrated queer bad boy, Tim Miller, makes his Alaska debut in the U.S. with a solo naked musical about love and politics.

*Chicago's* Kaotic Good brings to Anchorage *SELF (THE REMIX)*, a hip-hop exploration of multi-identities.

Another highlight of this fabulously queer must-see season will take place in a cabaret setting with the outrageous antics of the Haitian gender illusionist, Dred, in *THE DRED LOVE EXPERIENCE*.

Rounding out the season will be *MY BLUE HEAVEN*, the Jane Chambers comedy about a homesteading lesbian couple.

This is the play that started the whole Out North phenomenon two decades ago.

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YELLOW BIRD

Warm thrust of blood, eyes so a-light
A sapling standing so upright,
Bolder than all edge of night;
Braver than the morning light,
Tall against the forever sky.
Ignoring the lake loons cry,
Comes a thunder and a gale,
Laughing, arms open wide,
Madly dancing in the hail.

And the clouds keep passing by....bye-bye.

Woke up to a lightning strike,
After many years have weathered by,
Grown more and grown to be
More solid, less wind free
A crashing blow, old trunk is cracked,
Deserted by the white coated quacks,
More solitary than ever in reverie.

Pretty yellow bird singing so sweetly,
Ignoring the railing against the gods,
Loving and nesting in the bent, broken brood.
Her joy lightening the misery of pain,
Until their lives, both, shall wane.

And the clouds keep passing by....bye-bye.

(Thanx babe)

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Gay Perspective

Religion and spirituality are extremely important in my life, and I realized recently that since I began writing this column a couple years ago, I have never really reviewed a book that had that as a primary focus. That’s why I’ve selected Toby Johnson’s *Gay Perspective: Things Our Homosexuality Tells Us about the Nature of God and the Universe* (Alyson Books, 2003) this month.

The author is described as a psychotherapist, activist, and community organizer, and he also edits a quarterly journal “White Crane: A Journal of Gay Man’s Spirituality.” Drawing on Thomas Merton and Joseph Campbell, among others, Johnson sees homosexuality as giving gay folks an interesting take on the world – not simply about sex, but also relating to religion, church, and God. Indeed, the community’s unique gay perspective is critical to what the author sees as a religious transformation occurring right now in the world.

It is true that even many gay people of faith will find Johnson’s views radical, including me, but I’m really not put off by them and I value his insight. I think Johnson is quite correct in seeing the non-violent, gender-bending, non-polarizing, campy and subject-oriented take on the world of many gay folks as true assets in the spiritual conception of a process-God, who is evolutionary in nature. At the core, the author offers the Gaia Hypothesis: “the idea that the Earth itself is a living being, a vast and complex entity composed of the interplay of all living creatures, all of which are organs of its planetary body” (p. 159). He sees God as the perfection of love, harmony and beauty.

As a Christian, I have run into some of this thinking in the works of Marcus Borg and John Shelby Spong in which God is seen as non-hierarchical and within all of us. But Johnson goes further, bringing in Eastern mysticism and meditation as well. And I must admit that I find Johnson’s ‘gay perspective’ to be extremely life-affirming. And for that reason, I suggest that readers consider picking up the book.

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The “A” in GLBTA

Shortly after I was entrusted with the title of Co-Chair for the Identity Board of Directors, I attended two Identity committee meetings: Pride Conference planning and then Living Out Loud organizational meetings.

Certainly not to diminish the efforts and participation of our GLBT individuals (especially Trevor Storrs!), two allies, Mary Parker and Janet Steinhauser, have taken lead roles in the early development of this year’s programs. Their energy, enthusiasm, and genuine passion for programs that particularly involve GLBTA youth is infectious and, well, downright AWESOME!

My heartfelt thanks to Janet Steinhauser, Mary Parker, and those other stalwart allies of our community, such as Norm and Jane Schlittler and the PFLAG group, Shirley and Ron Rivas, Sue-Salas Petersen, Karen Lipinecyk, Sylvia Short, and many, many others. Warm thanks also to the “ally” businesses that support Identity’s programs through advertisements in NorthVIEW, PrideFest Programs, and outright financial sponsorship.

Dear Friends:

I’ve just put on the hat of Co-Chair for the Board of Identity, Inc. One of my first duties is really my first honor—to inform our membership and friends that Identity is a healthy, growing and viable organization. So much so that the Board recently determined the advantages of converting our part-time paid position from an Administrative Assistant to a part-time Executive Director.

We are very fortunate that Diana Wolfe has stepped in and is already hard at work putting into practice her considerable training in the management of non-profit organizations. If you need to reach Diana, you may do so by calling her most weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 929-4528. She may also be reached by e-mail at dwolfe@identityinc.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Identity and its programs. We look forward to further strengthening Identity’s programs and to expanding our ties, cooperation and support of the programs of the ICOAA, PFLAG, GLSEN, Four A’s, GSA’s, the National Association of Social Workers, and other groups and organizations whose programs mesh with Identity’s mission of promoting diversity of sexual and gender identity for Alaskans.

Phyllis Rhodes
Co-Chair
Identity Board of Directors

September 2004
The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's) and the Alaska Theatre of Youth present Patricia Loughrey's:

The Inner Circle: Changing Times

$5.00 minimum donation, can be purchased in advance or at the door

A story about the effects of HIV on a group of high school friends

Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2, 2004
7 p.m.
Loussac Library's Wilda Marston Theater

Alaska Theatre of Youth
Identity Programs

Winter & Spring  Living Out Loud Youth Program
October  Pride Conference
Daily  Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). Ste. 103, 2110 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage. 907-929-4528
Nightly  HelpLine for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-501-9876
Monthly  NORTHVIEW newsmagazine

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 Myma’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 Myma’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 Myma’s
       “Karaoke Night” hosted by “K” Entertainment; 10 PM; Mad Myma’s
Fri  Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, voluteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A’s), Ste. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050 (Lori)
       “Friday Night Divas Show,” 9 PM, Mad Myma’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, 8050 Old Seward Highway, 522-6940 (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., 581-8744
       Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myma’s, 276-9762 (Jim)

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Fairbanks Events

Tue  GLSEN, 5 PM, third Tuesday, Fairbanks Education Association on S. Cushman St.
Fri  Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.
       “Outlooks,” 5:30 - 7 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5
       Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer’s Loop
       Arctic Bears, first Friday, 907-479-9880
Sat  Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer’s Loop
Sun  PFLAG, 4 - 5:30 PM, third Sunday, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4448 Pike’s Landing Road
       Homophonic Radio, 3-5 PM, KSUA-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, 907-789-6167 (Marshah)
Sat  PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room
OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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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. fbqla@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/ugla

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. 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 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-340-0955.

Breakeven Productions has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. 907-277-5630 for upcoming events or productions. akrups@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. bsara@geci.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. You DO NOT need to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. www.uaa.alaska.edu/elcubeh/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). 907-929-GLBT: gllcca@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) fhillman@alaska.net; Fairbanks Lisa Shyton or Jeff Walter 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, Seminars, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. PO Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT: www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Eishua picnic, the Fun 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.icoaa.org

IMRU2, 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-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. 907-452-4222 (for assistance or volunteering information).
The Last Frontier Men's Club, a social club for the Levi/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 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 predominantly gay/lesbian/bi/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. 907-258-5266. mchanchorage@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/mchanchorage

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

OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) & Travel 50 Two groups for women over 50. 907-868-2662. rosebethenvo@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. 3800 DeBarr Rd, Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-1380. volunteer@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).


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 prideontheprk@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. 907-262-2589 (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 information contact Michael Haase 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 the Alaska GLBT community. To receive these notices or to submit an item for distribution: alaskaglnews@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

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

National and Political GLBT News. Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy 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. 907-561-7727.

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