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**Cover VIEW**

In October Alaska’s GLBTA community reluctantly bids farewell to Al and Dan Carter-Incontro. Join us at the kick-off reception to the 2004 Alaska Pride Conference Friday, Oct. 8, at UAA’s Lucy Cuddy Center as we celebrate Dan and Al’s 28 years of service to our community.

There will be fun, refreshments and the opportunity to raise funds for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage by adopting a segment of their journey from Alaska to their new home in Florida.

Come help us say goodbye to two of our own!

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That’s the theme the Human Rights Campaign Foundation selected for this year’s National Coming Out Day. Each year this event encourages gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans to talk to our families and friends about our lives.

“This year, we need more than ‘I’m gay and it’s OK,’” says HRC president Cheryl Jacques. “We need our families and friends to say ‘It’s not OK to use gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues as a wedge.’ We must talk to and involve our families and friends. Their voices are some of the strongest in the fight for equality.”

Identity couldn’t agree more. So the theme of this year’s October Pride Conference is “Equal: No More. No Less.” This was also the theme of PrideFest 2004 and it was so timely, given this is an election year, we decided to carry it forward into fall.

When my 18-year-old niece came out to me and my sister earlier this summer, one of my first questions to her was: “Are you registered to vote?” We talked about why voter apathy is so dangerous to marginalized peoples, and why our voices at the polls are so critical.

Last year the HRC Foundation conducted a public opinion poll that found while 77 percent of respondents consider themselves “out” as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, only 32 percent talk to their parents about public policy issues and only 46 percent talk to their brothers and sisters about such topics. In fact, the poll found that LGBT people are much more likely to speak frankly on these topics with casual acquaintances (57 percent).

My niece confirms this statistic. She has not yet to come out to her parents. She lives in Kentucky, in a small town with one high school and no gay/straight alliance. The largest gay gathering she said she’s attended was a party with about a dozen other gay and lesbian youth. By contrast, we in Anchorage are fortunate to have a diverse community, and both a mayor and a U.S. Senate candidate not afraid to speak out for equal rights for all.

National Coming Out Day is celebrated every Oct. 11 to mark the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Each year since, thousands of GLBT people and allies have celebrated National Coming Out Day in schools, churches and businesses nationwide through workshops, speak-outs, rallies and other events aimed at showing the public that GLBT people are everywhere.

I encourage you to join the hundreds of Alaska GLBTA members who will celebrate National Coming Out Day at UAA during Pride Conference 2004, Oct. 8 and 9. A local theatre has also invited Anchorage GLBTA members to a special screening of a gay-themed film on National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11. Look for information about these and other events in this issue of NorthVIEW.

Finally, the most important day to “Come Out” for is Election Day, Nov. 2. This is our opportunity to come out, speak out, and VOTE!

Warmly,
Teresa McPherson
Editor
In the Closet?

I just received the September issue of NorthVIEW and was impressed by the amount of “meat” in the stew. Sylvia Short’s article “What is Marriage?” was especially thought provoking. So, taking time out of a busy weekend, I sit at my laptop and pen a few words regarding my thoughts about the cliché “in the closet.”

Raised in remote Alaska by men, my views on women were typical of the times...lower class, weak, inferior, manipulative, etc. I searched for strong men in my adulthood, but ended up wearing the pants in most of my relationships. After my husband died, I decided to ban men from my life, castrating them with my words, berating them with my words. I had a brief relationship with a woman and thought that was my path. That was 20 years ago.

Since that time, I have been silent in my expressions, but not in my heart. I yearn for the powerful connection, sweet, seductive, vibrant communion between a companion and myself.

I belong to a patriarchal church and do not wish to leave it. Lesbianism would not be acceptable in my church. Nor would my orientation be acceptable in my businesses. My family would just have to get over it, so I’m not worried there. The main concern I have is myself. How would I feel? Is it acceptable to me?

In the 80’s I explored the alternative community in Anchorage. What I observed were many women in dysfunctional relationships and chaos, a few cliques, and lots of vulgar “right to be Gay” displays. I did not want to be a part of this. I was seeking a deep, spiritual connection with a soul mate. So I remained in the closet and continued to wonder about my orientation. Did I really want such a path for myself?

I “worshipped” certain women secretly, always keeping my emotions hidden and my manner appropriate, watching, yearning, but never revealing. I continued to work on myself, exploring therapy issues, getting my degrees, building my businesses, getting in good physical shape, and searching my spirituality. I thought by working on myself first, I could clear the old baggage and be ready for a healthy relationship to walk into my life. Thus, it is 20 years later.

In the closet are many different colors and types of clothing. We choose what to wear for each occasion. We have different reasoning for each choice. Some clothing is for protection from the elements; others attract the elements.

I do not believe the closet is a negative place. We still do not have a society without labels. I have to define whether I am Lesbian or “straight.” I cannot simply love whom I wish, regardless of gender. I do not even see the physical gender of the soul I am attracted to at first, but society is not at that point yet.

I wonder, if I wait another 20 years, what it will be like to peek out of the closet then. Will our society have changed much? Will my church have changed? Will the “community” have changed much? Will I have changed?

Tamra Ann Sheldon is a lifelong Alaskan who lives in a very nice closet with her name on the door. She has 24 animals and pursues her destiny with tenacity and timidity, all wrapped within the same soul.
This is a copy of a letter I will deliver to my employer on October 8th, a day I am scheduled to work. It is, in a way, my coming out as an activist at work. It will not surprise anyone.

I feel that by letting him know about the boycott and my reasons for not calling out, I will have the same impact I would by calling out and, if it is even possible, increase his sensitivity to GLBT issues.

October 8, 2004

Borders Books & Music
Attn: General Manager

Dear Grant,

I just thought you should know that today I was to take part in a national boycott. I was not to go to work, nor use my cell phone, make any purchases, or participate in the economy in any way.

This boycott aims to show our country how much of an impact the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community has. It is a protest of the way heterosexuals, who make up a natural majority of roughly 90% of Americans, want to control the personal lives of GLBT Americans by saying if we can marry or serve in the military. This boycott also is a protest against job, housing, and other discrimination we face everyday.

I will be working my regular shift today. I feel the boycott is a good idea, but I do not think it fair to punish Borders since the company’s nondiscrimination policy includes sexual orientation. Borders offers a list of domestic partner benefits which matches identically the spousal benefits offered.

I don’t think it fair to burden my coworkers with my work when they have welcomed me and my fellow gay coworkers with open arms. I feel extremely comfortable and at ease here.

You encouraged the GLBT reading group for the six months that we lasted. You were thoughtful enough to ask if we wanted our group listed in Borders’ monthly calendar of events.

You have made me feel a part of the team. So I am choosing not to participate in the boycott today, because Borders is where the boycott leaders would like all American companies to be.

Respectfully,
Chuck Hart

P.S. The cell phone’s off and I’m not shopping today.
Notes from Identity

I am sitting at my desk at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center thinking of all things this fall is promising us.

The weather has been beautiful the last few days and Wendy and I have enjoyed the deck in our new house. The movers came Aug. 16 and picked up our things and then could not move them into our house until the 18th. We left for our first real vacation in eleven years in the wee hours of the morning of Aug. 20. What a way to go—we didn’t know whether to enjoy our vacation to the fullest or spend the time wishing we were home nesting. I’m glad to say we enjoyed our vacation very much! On top of that, I’m starting a new job as the executive director for Identity, and Wendy moved to a new school as nurse with more hours. So for us, this fall is about settling in.

Kicking off the Pride Conference this year will be a reception Oct. 8 honoring Al and Dan Carter-Incontro and wishing them a bon voyage as they move to Florida. It’s a sad day for the GLBTA community, as these fellows have given so much to us over the many years they’ve been in Alaska.

In lieu of a gift, they request you consider a donation to Identity for programs and projects to benefit the GLBTA community. We’ll have a map and for every $25 we’ll move them 100 miles on their way to Florida—and we’re hoping to bring them back, as well! The funds can go to the GLCCA Adopt-a-Day program, one of the core programs of Identity, or a general donation.

I hit the road running to get ready for Pride Conference. Our theme remains “Equal: No More No Less.” This was the PrideFest theme this year and it seems appropriate to keep it for Pride Conference as well, especially as this is a very critical election year for our equality as gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals.

Pride Conference will be October 9, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our welcoming address will be by Arliss Sturgulewski, a long-time Alaskan stateswoman. The keynote at the lunch hour is Caitlin Connor Ryan of San Francisco. Caitlin is director of Adolescent Health Initiatives supporting research projects on health, mental health, sexual orientation, public policy and social issues. She’s also doing a workshop in the afternoon.

There will be a full array of different and interesting workshops all day long. Join us for a day of education, networking, and inspiration.

In this issue you’ll find an ad for the Laramie Project, a powerful play by Moises Kaufman presented by Cyrano’s Playhouse. The play is about Matthew Shepard, a young gay man murdered in Laramie, WY. Friday, Oct. 29, is GLBTA night at Cyrano’s, with discussion and refreshments after the play. Tickets are $20 and will benefit Identity’s programs, especially the HelpLine, where we take calls from individuals who are coming out, are concerned about their safety, and who need information and referrals. The HelpLine is open most evenings from 6-11 p.m. You can call 258-4777 in Anchorage, or 888-901-9876 from elsewhere in the state.

If you haven’t already, check out Identity’s website at www.identityinc.org. Steve Keller, our resident computer guru, has done a wonderful job setting up a very user-friendly, attractive, and informative site. If you have a GLBTA event planned, please fill out the event form so we can list your event. Steve also takes care of networking problems and keeps the computers up and running. We thank those who helped out recently when one of our computers died. We’re now operational with a very good PC for the staff desk and another for public access, giving us three (2 PC’s and a Mac) for public access.

Another event in October is a play by Four A’s and the Alaska Theatre of Youth Oct. 1 and 2. It’s Patricia Loughrey’s “The Inner Circle: Changing Times.” This powerful play follows the friendship of four high school youth and how their friendship changes when one of them contracts the HIV virus. It will be held at Loussac Library’s Wilda Marston Theater with a suggested $5 minimum donation at the door. Please join us for this moving story and to support this effort to bring HIV/AIDS awareness to the community.

Diana Wolfe
Executive Director, Identity, Inc.
Gay Marriage

If you’re a supporter of gay marriage and want a reference book that outlines various arguments in favor of it—as well as gives you ammunition to respond to critics—then Gay Marriage (Times Books, 2004) by Jonathan Rauch is definitely for you. The author is a well-respected writer, being a correspondent for Atlantic Monthly, a senior writer for the National Journal and a writer in residence for the Brookings Institute.

To start with, Rauch is supporter of gay marriage—full gay marriage. He’s against all substitutes or lesser alternatives, such as civil unions and domestic benefits. He considers all of those to be ‘marriage lite’ and he thinks it is definitely the wrong road to take. He contends that a lot of these alternatives have support from libertarians who see all marriages as simply contracts between two people.

However, Rauch points out that the institution of marriage is more than that. It’s a contract between two people and the community. Marriage involves a whole set of social expectations and doesn’t just relate to the privacy of two individuals. As a sociologist, I could really understand his argument and it makes abundant sense.

Rauch wants gays to have marriage since he sees life for committed couples without it as being capricious, insecure and sometimes cruel. And he follows this contention with a series of horror stories we all know about when gay couples are forced to deal with traumatic life decisions and are beaten down for lack of a marriage license.

He takes on every twisted warning that cultural conservatives put forth against gay marriage, such as that it would lead to polygamy, gay men would never be faithful, it goes against tradition, and marriage must lead to children. You may have thought about how to counter one or two of these, but Rauch has it all laid out.

Rauch reminds us that whenever something new comes along that may be of benefit to gay people, it’s always met with dire predictions of what will happen from the Right, and these forecasts never come true. When Scandinavian countries started marriage and its equivalent for gays around a decade ago, each of these societies was supposed to collapse, as well as traditional marriage in each, and they haven’t. Most countries in NATO, with the exception of the U.S. and a few others, allow gays to serve openly in the military and, you know what, the units still have cohesion and the military can function. So it would be with gay marriage. It would be good for gays, good for straights, and good for society.

Rauch ends his book with a poignant example. He tells about the nephew of his partner, Michael, asking him why Michael and he lived together. And he replied, “Because we love each other.” He was proud of his response, but only for awhile. Later, he realized a much better response would have been, “Because we’re married.” Love and marriage. They go together.

Gale Smoke will lead a workshop at Pride Conference 2004 on Oct. 9 at UAA. He teaches Sociology 387: Gay & Lesbian Lifestyles at UAA. You can reach Gale at glsmoke@alaska.net.
CORONATION XXXII

The Howard Rock Ballroom at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel was sea of lights, glitter, rhinestones, laughter and music as Their Most Imperial Majesties Emperor XXXI Scott Turner and Empress Vicki Evans hosted Coronation XXXII.

Identity congratulates the newly crowned Empress Kristara and Emperor Jacob Lawrence III as they begin their reign with The Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska.
**PFLAG Annual Picnic**

PFLAG held its annual picnic Aug. 19 at Centennial Park. Jackie Buckley brought along a gadget called the Orbitron, a one-person “roller coaster” that simulates weightlessness. Brave PFLAG members let Jackie strap them into the Orbitron for a unique workout. Fortunately, no one tossed their cookies following the topsy-turvy ride!


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It is also a forum for personal expression and welcomes original fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drawings, comics, art, and photographs.

Submissions are due on the 15th for possible inclusion in the next issue, but are accepted at any time.

Photos should be in JPEG format, and at least 300 dpi.

Submissions can be sent digitally to northview@identityinc.org or by mail

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**Going Away Party for Al & Dan**

**Friday, October 8, 2004 – 6:30pm** (This is the “true” date!)

Univ. of Alaska Anchorage — Lucy Cuddy Center

Please drop by and 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 a gift, you consider making a donation to Identity for programs and projects to benefit the GLBT community. A map will be available and you can “buy” miles for them at $10 per 100 miles on their trip to Florida -- and even bring them back.

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October 2004
MCC Anchorage will welcome its new minister, Reverend Johnathan Jones, on Sunday, October 17, at the 2:00pm worship service, held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 2311 Pembroke Street (just east of the intersection of 24th Avenue & Boniface Parkway).

MCC Anchorage is the second oldest predominately GLBT organization in Alaska, serving the spiritual needs of our community since 1974. Rev. Johnathan will be coming to Alaska from Sydney, Australia. When asked why he was coming to Alaska and for information to share with others in Anchorage, he provided the following:

I am very excited about coming to Alaska and especially Anchorage. I am 24 years of age, the youngest ordained minister in MCC.

For the past four years I have been a member of MCC Sydney, and its youth pastor. I have a passion for giving young people an opportunity to develop and express themselves.

I am currently the National Coordinator for the Youth Program of the National Council of Churches in Australia, a job which I am sad to be leaving.

Don’t be fooled by my age- in my short life I’ve experienced more than a lot of forty year olds.

By the age of 10, I was raising my five younger siblings due to alcoholic and abusive parents. I became a fundamentalist Christian at the age of 13, I’ve been married and divorced, I’ve attended ex-gay reparative therapy (which didn’t work obviously), completed a degree in theology, and travelled extensively though Asia representing the National Council of Churches in Australia.

My passions are youth ministry, ecumenism, reading and a good bottle of wine.

In Johnathan’s statement of faith, he included the following which provides a look into his beliefs:

I have many visions for the future, and my faith and what I believe is complex and yet simple:

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I hope for a world where all churches are welcoming rather than protective.

I believe in community.

I believe in love - the greatest gift.

I believe in constant growth and journey.

I believe God is with us, Emmanuel.

I believe in a universal priesthood.

I believe in the living Scripture.

I believe in mystery.

I believe in Jesus, the Christ.

I believe in ecumenism.

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The film is rated R and stars Colin Farrell, Robin Wright Penn and Dallas Roberts. Screenings will be at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m., admission is $3.

The film is the story of two boys growing up in suburban Cleveland in the 60’s who move to Manhattan in the early 80’s, where their paths connect with that of an older woman. The three form a beautiful but complicated friendship, questioning the traditional definitions of family and love, and ultimately manage to create a family against all odds.

Editor’s Note: It’s important to support the businesses that support us, and what a cool way to round out the Pride Conference weekend. Let’s all meet at Bear Tooth Oct. 11, order our favorite burrito or wrap, and watch a great film together. Don’t forget to wear your favorite pride tee or ball cap!

**HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN**

HRC Endorses Sen. John Kerry for President

WASHINGTON — The Human Rights Campaign has endorsed Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., for President of the United States. The decision was made by HRC’s board of directors based on the candidate’s support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality, demonstrated leadership and his viability to win in November.

“From voting against the Defense of Marriage Act to actively opposing ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ John Kerry is a true leader for our community,” said HRC President Cheryl Jacques. “Just six months into his first Senate term in 1985, he introduced a gay civil rights bill. His aggressive support for our community continued unabated for the years that followed, demonstrated time and again by perfect HRC ratings on GLBT issues in Congress.”

In 1996, Sen. Kerry was one of only 14 senators, and the only up for re-election, to cast a vote against the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act. He also testified in front of a Senate committee in 1993 against the policy that prohibits military service by openly gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

“I want to thank HRC for its endorsement. We have worked together on so many battles and we still have many challenges ahead of us,” said Kerry. “I know that America finds its strength in the diversity of this great country. I have worked for 20 years to make sure that LGBT Americans are treated with dignity in our society and equality in our laws. That fight is not over and I will be there for the fights in the future.”

Kerry is a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, and voted for the bill in 1996. In his Senate office, Kerry has a policy prohibiting discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

“Senator Kerry is one of our strongest advocates against writing discrimination into the U.S. Constitution,” added Jacques. “While we disagree with Senator Kerry on the issue of marriage for same-sex couples, he is firmly opposed to the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would deny our community equality for generations. His opposition stands in stark contrast to President Bush, who has not only endorsed the amendment but is one of its chief advocates.”

Sen. Kerry also:
- is a current co-sponsor of the Local Law Enforcement Protection Act, which would add sexual orientation, gender and disability to existing federal hate crimes law;
- is a co-sponsor of Early Treatment for HIV Act and supports full funding for science-based HIV prevention programs and the Ryan White CARE Act;
- supports giving appropriate authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best interest of the child, without bans based solely on sexual orientation;
- is a co-sponsor of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act;
- opposes the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, saying he thinks “that any American ought to be able to serve their country if they are physically qualified and able. There were gay people who served in Vietnam. There were gay people who served in World War II, Korea and World War I and great acts of heroism have been performed by people who are gay.”

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.
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NorthVIEW
GLCCA Cookie Recipe

When my kids were growing up, they believed homemade cookies came in plastic wrapped rolls from the grocery store that you sliced and baked.

I don’t know anything about making cookies, so I call the most cookie-baking person I know to find out about the required ingredients. Here’s what I learned.

Having a successful community center is a lot like baking cookies! First, you find a large mixing bowl and sponsoring organizations, such as Identity, The Imperial Court of All Alaska, The Last Frontier Men’s Club, OPAL, PFLAG, GLSEN, Four A’s, and several others.

Next, you mix in varying amounts of flour, sugar and shortening: “adopt-a-dayers” who pay the rent and utilities and volunteer staff who keep the GLCCA open and available seven days a week.

Then add some baking powder or baking soda to help the cookies rise. These are the individuals and groups who use the GLCCA to hold meetings, start a book club or support group, check some books or movies out of the library, post or check the bulletin board, watch some cable television, use the free computers, or just offer helpful suggestions. These are the ingredients that make the building, furniture and staff RISE to become a true community center.

Next, add spices and flavoring. The community center wouldn’t be as tempting without all the items that have been donated. So you take the basic community center cookie and fold in donated books, videos, furniture and electronic equipment and we have a tasty, comforting and fulfilling Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

All the ingredients are essential to the Community Center Cookie. Without all these ingredients, the cookie will crumble.

Would YOU like to become part of the recipe? Contact the GLCCA at 929-4528 to find out how YOU can add your own unique flavor to this successful confection!

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October 2004
Identity, Inc. Invites You to participate in this year's Pride Conference

Date: Saturday, October 9th
Place: UAA Cuddy Center & Classrooms
Time: 8:30AM Registration to 5:00PM
Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided
Cost: $20 regular, $5 youth to 21
Welcoming Address 9:10: Arliss Sturgulewski
Keynote Noon: Caitlin Conor Ryan, MSW, ACSW

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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 888-901-9876
Monthly  NorthVIEW newsmagazine

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, 907-479-8680
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, 907-769-6167 (Marshia)
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 Myra’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 Myra’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 Myra’s
      "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment; 10 PM; Mad Myra’s
Fri  Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, 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 Myra’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, 522-0940
      (Rev. Guy Johnson)
      Metropolitan Community Church Service, 2 PM, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St.
      Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4 PM, Park Lanes, 4350 Amas Ave., 561-8744
      Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myra’s, 276-9762 (Jim)

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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 fan 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 American 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 Civil Liberties Union (a UAF student organization), e/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-1136. rbagla@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/agsa

Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR), a locally organized and operated statewide civil organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersexed 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 Turnagain St., Anchorage. 907-248-0715.

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

Arctic Bears. First Friday, Fairbanks. 907-479-8680.

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

Breaken 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. bsara@gc1.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 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. 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, gllc@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 907-362-7161 (Fred) fphilmar@alaska.net; Fairbanks Lisa Slaytor or Jeff Walters e/o GLSEN, PO Box 83315, 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. P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT: www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Bkutra picnic, the Fun Rody parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. P.O. Box 104302, Anchorage, AK 99510-4302. 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. 907-366-IMRU2 (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).
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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 campsouts 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 Pembroke 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 Ames Avenue, Anchorage. 907-561-8744

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

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

Out North. Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 3800 DeBarr Rd., Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-3800, 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).

PFLAG of Sitka (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Meetings: 7 PM second and fourth Sundays. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall: 408 Marine, Sitka. PO. 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 prideonthepark@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, PO. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 800-478-AIDS (2437).

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

Stop 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 (Soldnota), a group of people with HIV, AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2589 (Jun).

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 Haege at michaelh2001@gei.net or michaelh2001@palm.net. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion

Alaska GLBT News, a statewide 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:

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

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

National and Political GLBT News, Landmark case decisions and other news worthies from national organizations. To join, send an e-mail to: bsam@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. SEAGLA, PO. Box 21542, Juneau, AK 99802-1452. 907-586-GAYS.

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

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