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**Cover VIEW**

The happy smiles of the congregation of Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage reflect their joy after Rev. Johnathan Jones presides over his first Anchorage service Sunday, October 17. Rev. Johnathan is the youngest ordained minister in MCC worldwide. He was youth pastor at MCC of Sydney, Australia for four years before joining Anchorage MCC.

The Board of Identity welcomes Rev. Johnathan and looks forward to getting to know this energetic, dynamic spiritual leader.
The New Definitions of GLBT:
Why Stereotypes Don’t Work Anymore

As my husband Danny pulled up to the curb of the Anchorage Federal Building to pick up me after work one day not long ago, he saw a woman who looked somewhat butch enter my office building. When I got into the car, he said, “She’s gotta be lesbian.”

(For those who don’t know us, I should explain that Danny is transgendered and was raised by a coven of lesbians from his preteens until he transitioned from female to male in his late 30’s.)

I told Danny the woman was one of the managers at my agency and she’s straight, married with several grown children, and a devout Mormon. Danny thought about that for a second and said, “Then she’s in denial.”

We chuckled, but it certainly proves that stereotypes simply don’t work anymore, and nowhere is that more true than in Alaska, where “gay-dar” is about as reliable as the National Weather Service.

Are stereotypes changing? Are the very definitions of GLBT changing? And what about those who don’t want to pick a letter from the rainbow alphabet? I respect every person’s right to self-define, but what about those who don’t wish to define, period?

This month NorthVIEW writers address the topic of stereotypes. Are stereotypes harmful? Do they objectify the person? And what’s a Lesbian Christian anyway? Isn’t that an oxymoron? Well, no, according to Lynne Sangster (see page 10).

This month we welcome another new writer, Scott Morrison, who brings a fresh voice to NorthVIEW through his fictional short story, “A Closet Opened.” We hope to feature more creative writing from Scott in the months ahead.

Lastly, we welcome Rev. Johnathan Jones, the new minister at Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. I heard Rev. Johnathan’s first sermon at MCC Anchorage on Oct. 17. This vibrant, young leader is a welcome voice in the Last Frontier. He’s warm, enthusiastic, confident and very wise for one so young. I see great things ahead for this small but passionate parish.

Warmly,
Teresa McPherson
Editor

(Note: special thanks to Dee Gould for suggesting this month’s theme. You are, as always, an inspiration.)
A Closet Opened

After many agonizing attempts to enter the café, his debate between going in or walking away had finally come to an end. Practically running to the table nearest the exit, he heaved himself into a chair and tore open his book. He quickly glanced around to see if anybody had been watching and then began to read. This was a common reaction among many young questioning gay men who heard through rumor that this was a place where men can meet other men and still blend in as regular patrons.

Sitting with his elbows resting on the table, it was apparent that he was trying to appear incognito to this new environment. His hardened masculinities, shown externally through his torn shirt, ragged jeans, and overall battered appearance, gave little clue to the underlying sensitivities trapped inside. He embraced the table, restless and nervous, as his feet feverishly dappled at the floor beneath him. He tried to read, but nothing made sense. The words on the paper were a blurry mass of organized letters and the book itself a mere distraction to suspecting onlookers who might know what he was really here for.

Every thirty seconds his head would rise and his eyes would do a quick panoramic view of the café. The first time we made eye contact for a brief second, he immediately reconciled his action and reverted his eyes back to his book. I watched as his nerves began to twitch uncontrollably and I could feel his blood begin to rampanty pulsate throughout his body. I could feel it, just as I felt my own blood boil ten years ago when I stared into the eyes of another man for the first time and felt an attraction. I could see the fear in his eyes and the cloud of confusion looming vividly over his head.

Upon observation, I realize I probably knew more about this young soul than he did himself. What he was doing and what was going through his head at that very moment was a reflection of myself only a few years before. I remembered sitting in the same café with the same curiosities and intentions. I strongly remember the feeling of demoralization and the loss of societal boundaries that depicted my sexuality. When I first came here, my main objective was to confirm that there were people out there who were gay just like me. The greatest fear I had was that I would find myself alone and condemned to a life of solitude. Now, I sit before this younger version of myself and feel his pain as I remember my own.

I wanted to tell him that the fears and hardships he would soon struggle through would just as soon pass. His fear of acceptance within himself, the fear of rejection from others, and the fear of losing respect because of who he was was only obstacles one has to overcome. These insecurities were nothing but giant hurdles on a track field and every time he jumped one, his apprehensions would slowly start to diminish. For every striding leap he made, he would be one step closer to finding who he truly was and the barriers of the past would be aids to shaping who he would truly become.

As I thought of this and my own existence, I caught myself looking into his eyes for longer than the occasional brief seconds he had previously given me. His concentrated stare was now becoming more intent and I could sense his anxieties growing stronger. His nervous gave in and finally he broke connection and looked away. His legs began to beat the floor heavier as his mind impatiently choreographed his movement. He turned a page in his book and I looked at my watch. It had been twenty minutes since he first entered Consuela’s Café and though he had appeared to be reading since he sat down, it was the first time he had turned a page. I found this humorous and quietly giggled to myself.

I began to pack my belongings and head home for the night. As I stood from my seat, I saw the look of disapproval on my friend’s face. I was suddenly hesitant to stay. I started walking towards the door when I saw the novel resting on his table. I noticed it instantly as I had read this story before. It was about a young boy in high school struggling to function in a cruel society with a non-supportive family while coping with his homosexuality. I remember the warmth I found in this book and the courage it gave me to overcome my own inner turmoil.

I smiled at the young boy in front of me and said, “This is an excellent book.” He nodded his head and smiled back as a moment of tenderness and understanding was exchanged. I left the café as a new identity began to emerge from the depths of the closet that had confined him for so long.

Scott Morrison is a second-year student at UAA. His passion is creative writing.
Answers to a Few Questions

The editor recently asked me some thoughtful questions about my living openly with bipolar disorder. Here are my thoughts.

Have you encountered negative stereotypes from people who know you live with bipolar disorder, or overall are people supportive/understanding?

For the most part, people are supportive, at least to my face. Some people withdraw after learning I have bipolar disorder, some are fascinated and ask a lot of questions, but most don’t really care. I had a negative reaction from a sister-in-law who thought I should “just snap out of it.”

Are there advantages to being “out” about one’s condition? Does it put an ordinary face to bipolar disorder, similar to knowing a friend, relative or co-worker who is gay helps put an ordinary face to GLBT people?

The biggest advantage is not having people wonder why you have so many doctor appointments and so many medications. You can say you have a psychiatrist appointment, instead of a vague “doctor” of who knows what. Many times when I tell someone I have bipolar disorder, they mention a friend or family member of theirs who is afflicted, too. If not, it’s a chance for some education.

What does “EQUAL: No More, No Less” mean to someone living with bipolar disorder?

I hold myself to the same standards of work quality as my co-workers. Bipolar disorder is not something you see on someone’s face, unless they are in the extreme mood swings. So declaring equality only needs to happen when you’ve come out and it has gone poorly.

In the hospital and with various care-providers (not my current team), I have used this idea that, yes, I have bipolar disorder, but I still deserve respect and the best of their skills. I led a small rebellion at a local hospital with eleven of the twelve of us on the ward signing up to file a complaint. We got respect, and fast. We also got a better living situation, which made for speedier recoveries.

Chuck Hart is 47, a single father of three, an Alaskan of 40 years, and an avid reader.
Out at the Office

I've come out to my supervisor and co-workers at my office before with no trouble. All I got was strong support from them. I recommend it to anyone with an office that is even halfway open-minded. It does wonders for reducing the stress of feeling that you are concealing something from others.

Some people feel that their "sexual orientation" is none of anyone's business, but it's more than sexual. When other people talk about their dates, boy/girlfriends or spouses, it feels wonderful to be able to join in and be treated as just one of the gang. I was even scolded once for neglecting to bring a boyfriend to an office party (hey, the invitation never said I could bring a guest or I would have).

Coming out as mentally ill (severe bipolar disorder) has not been met with such support. Such disclosures have been met with suspicion and worse.

One office I worked in spent a considerable amount of time telling me when they thought I needed to go to my psychiatrist again or take more sedatives. When I participated in agency fundraising events, I had no less than three "shadows" following me to check my behavior and suggest I take breaks or more sedatives, even when I was acting no different than anyone else as far as I could tell. They just expected that I would break down and go insane at the drop of a hat.

One job I had resulted in such stress that I did, in fact, have to be sent to the emergency room and get locked up with a severe manic episode. Upon returning to work, I found most of the staff were afraid to even speak to me. When I would go outside to walk around the building a few times to let off stress, this behavior would immediately be reported to my boss, as if I were about to go insane any second. I got sent home a couple of time by supervisors just for talking brisk walks around the building. Can you imagine someone who they did not know had a severe mental illness being treated that way?

I've had my keys confiscated several times and driven home because I was acting too eccentric. I've had several letters written to my personnel file documenting my eccentric behaviors. I've even been asked to resign because of "health" reasons.

In thinking about it, I've discovered that I've received wonderful reviews from supervisors in jobs where I never disclosed that I have a severe mental illness. My eccentric behavior was noted but viewed as "humorous" and actually listed as an asset in my performance evaluations. Nothing could be more opposite when I disclose my mental status.

I'm currently looking for a new job and I'm determined that I shall not disclose my mental status to them. I will go so far as to point out certain things they should watch for, such as hand tremors, and ask that if they see it, to point it out to me so I can take a pill. But I won't mention what type of pill or what the hand tremors mean (usually means an increase in stress that can accelerate to a bipolar incident).

I'll say only what is absolutely necessary and only to one or two people. It has worked for me before. It's time to do it that way again. Stereotypes can do a lot of damage.

Tim Weiss is a "mostly harmless" eccentric who lives in fear that he will NOT be misunderstood.
Mary Parker

Living Out Loud Youth Series Returns

The fall series of the Living Out Loud youth program began Oct. 23 with a workshop led by Amy Kobylniski on relationships and communication.

If you know middle school or high school youth who would like to spend a Saturday afternoon once a month expanding their knowledge and personal skills in a fun, safe environment, please share information with them about two more upcoming workshops.

On Nov. 20, UAA instructor Gale Smoke will present a workshop on gay culture through movies and discussion. And on Dec. 11, Derrick Coates will discuss coping skills for a more serene life.

Both workshops begin at 1 p.m. and generally last until 5 p.m. Light snacks are provided. There is no cost to attend the workshops.

The location for all workshops is Room 101 of the Engineering Building on the UAA campus. For a map, go to www.uaa.alaska.edu/maps/instruct.cfm. The Engineering Building is #21 on the map. The best place to park is across the street on the east campus central lot. Then use the designated crosswalk, which leads directly to the entrance of the Engineering Building.

If you need further directions or more information on Living Out Loud, please call the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage at 929-4528. They will answer your questions and forward messages to me.

And, as always, if anyone reading this is interested in presenting a workshop during the Spring Living Out Loud series, please get a message to me through the community center.

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November 2004
Giving Thanks

I'm grateful this season for so many things. I love Alaska, and feel so privileged to live here. I'm celebrating my 40th anniversary of living in Alaska this month. I love working with Identity and our many partners, and I'm learning so much. I love being a part of the GLBTA community and the friendships I have. There are some people I'd like to thank during this season.

First of all, I thank Phyllis Rhodes for her unswerving devotion and commitment to Identity and to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. Without her at the helm of the GLCCA, we wouldn't have a community center. I've enjoyed my new relationship with her as the new co-chair of Identity. She hit the road running and her leadership is taking us to the next level as an organization. I've watched her grow, even during the most trying of times.

Next I want to thank Trevor Storrs, Executive Director of Four A's, who has given much to help Identity this past year as treasurer. He's one heck of a fellow and with him at the helm of our finances, we've seen our organization become much more professional and fiscally sound. I value him as a friend and mentor as well. He's teaching me how to be a good executive director.

PrideFest 2004 was a wonderful success and it's because we had such a great steering committee. Tom Rachaal was the de facto co-chair with me and gave unstintingly of himself to seeing a great program and celebration happen. Michael French organized the festival and vendors and did a superb job. It's good to have him on the Board of Identity as the new TLFMC (The Last Frontier Men's Club) representative. Kent Briske, also of TLFMC, did a wonderful job as he managed the parade and helped out where needed. Norm Schlitter of PLFAG organized all the logistics, permits, and merchandise this year. Donna Moody took care of the volunteers on the day of the parade and festival, doing a great job. Kirt Beck and Roger Crandy redesigned the website and kept it up-to-date. Others who helped out were Steven Gingrich, Sue Salas-Peterson, Shirley Rivas, and Javier Moncanda. Shelly Wozniak headed up entertainment and Vicki Evans emceed. I so enjoyed working with these great people.

Teresa McPherson has edited NorthVIEW for the last two years and does a fantastic job. We have a very professional and attractive publication we can justly be proud of. She's dedicated and passionate about the NorthVIEW. I value her as a friend and colleague.

Mary Parker of PFLAG, who sits on our Board as their representative, gave much to doing Pride Conference and has worked hard to get the Living Out Loud Youth Program up and running this year. She is a valuable ally to our community.

Pride Conference was a great success with around 80 in attendance. The welcome speech by Arliss Sturgulewski was inspiring; the keynote by Caitlin Connor Ryan was invigorating, and the workshops excellent. The Pride Conference committee worked hard. Phyllis headed it up, and as she said, it was a learning experience for her first year of being involved in it, but she was queen of the details. Mary and Janet Steinhauser helped tremendously. Colleen Carroll did a wonderful job as head of registration and organized everything so that it ran smoothly. Thanks to Donna Moody and the other volunteers who helped out, as well. Trevor brought his expertise and experience to the table, and helped with the logistics of getting together the forms, etc. that we needed. Thanks to the Four A's for printing and putting together the program.

I don't have the final tally for the funds collected at the Al and Dan Carter-Incontro bon voyage reception. I do know that it's over $3,000. What a wonderful community we have. We "took" Al and Dan all the way to Florida and back to visit us again. These funds will go to our community efforts, such as the HelpLine and the other programs.

I want to thank Steve Keller for his work on our website. We have a very professional and wonderful website because of his dedication and expertise. It's wonderful to see a young man give of himself to our community.

I look forward to another year working with Identity and our many wonderful partners. This is the beginning of my fifth year of being involved with Identity, and I've enjoyed it very much. My role has changed and I love the work, and I'm so proud to be a part of this community.

Thanks, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving month.

Diana Wolfe
Executive Director, Identity, Inc.
What the Hell is a Lesbian Christian?

Does it not seem odd to you that some people today call themselves followers of Christianity and yet are also LGBT? Twenty-five years ago I would have totally rejected the idea. During those years, I was a pre-seminary student at NW Nazarene College. I went to college in Idaho from Alaska seeking a college with others who were like-minded. How was I to know I'd be the one to feel like the outsider?

I began studying with a classmate. We studied in the way many do in college dorms—all night long—and, yes, those were long nights. During one of our long study sessions, we ended up very tired but suddenly wide awake as we groped our way back to the reality of an awakened sense of our sexuality. I took myself back to my dorm room for a shower (not a cold one because I had not been taught about those). I then proceeded to avoid her for several days.

The next time we saw each other, we acted like nothing had happened. We tried to start off in a new direction by going to different off-campus locations to study together. We fell into bed together and had a two-year love relationship that was kept very quiet.

She told me she enjoyed my companionship and I said I appreciated all that she taught me during our studies. She blushed quite readily and that comment gave her cheeks a rosy glow. I decided to take a risk and at the end of an evening, I asked if there was anything she wanted me to pray about with her. She thought about it for several minutes and began to share some concerns for her sister. I asked her if I could pray with her right then and there, and she agreed. After we prayed, she seemed to not only relax but to glow.

That first girlfriend and I parted feeling fearful because our Christian conditioning in that period of our lives led us to believe we would go to hell for being lesbians. She chose to marry a man shortly after we parted company and I dealt with my fear by becoming a missionary in a third world country (Haiti).

It was not until years later that I came to terms with who I was and allowed my Christianity to gel with my sexuality. I let go of the fundamentalism I embraced as a young person in the Nazarene denomination. I found that I could embrace my sexuality and my faith while living a full and hopeful life.

How do you handle it when people say you cannot be both a lesbian and a Christian? I remind them of that old saying that goes, “I know that I know that I know God loves me.” I’ve been in a few situations when I had to make decisions without any information from others or from God.

I have had to trust that I have done what I felt was best at the time.

I believe a person can be lesbian or gay/bi/trans and not know how they stand on issues of Christianity. It’s perfectly logical and okay to say so. We should not use the “fake it ‘til you make it” phrase when it comes to matters of the human heart.

Lynne Sangster is a staff volunteer at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage and a member of Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage.

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Sorting Through Materials for SOCIOLOGY 387

As in the past, I’ll use the month of November to depart from my normal Queer Books column and announce my class, Sociology 387: Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles, that will be offered at UAA in Spring Semester which starts in January. It’s a three-credit class, but because it’s also an interest class, we always have a lot of people auditing it as well (which they may do multiple times). And, because of this, I waive all prerequisites.

It’s been fascinating to watch the class evolve over the years. Due to increased demand, it’s now offered annually. There is also a growing list of books, articles and videos available — true abundance — so I have to make some extremely hard choices when putting the class together.

The demographics of those enrolling have changed. There still tends to be twice as many women as men in the class, not unusual for a sociology class, but last spring something new happened. For the first time, there were a significant number of straight men who took the class. Most were young and had apparently grown up knowing openly gay people, which made them pretty secure in their own sexuality.

I will still offer a choice of books students may read for the class and this year, all the books are new. I was delighted to find Why Marriage? by George Chauncey (Perseus Books, 2004). Despite the title, it actually covers a lot of the early history of the gay rights movement, showing how it evolved to a place where it is so concerned, right now, about marriage rights. I’ve also pretty well settled on using a new book by Abigail Garner entitled Families Like Mine (HarperCollins, 2004). This book contains the voice of children raised in families with gay parents and is increasingly important for all of us to hear. And, despite the course title, Sociology 387 includes the topics of bisexuality and transgenderism, which have provided special difficulties when trying to find an appropriate text. I think I may have found it this time: Bisexuality and Transgenderism: InterSEXions of the Others put out by Harrington Park Press (2003) and edited by Jonathan Alexander and Karen Yescavage.

I’ve also found a number of new videos and once again documentaries will play a large role in the class. I expect the class will average one video a week, or about fifteen.

In the past, members of our community have proven very generous in consenting to guest speaking in the class, and I will draw on this willingness again. I think having ‘real folks’ discuss the day-to-day consequences of gay parenting, parenting gay kids, living as gay and lesbian couples, and so forth is much better than an instructor lecturing on the topic.

Again, the class starts in January and will be offered on Monday nights, from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. If you have questions about the course, please contact me by phone or email (333-6813 or glsmoke@alaska.net).

I hope to see you there!

Editor’s note: please consider serving as a community resource should Gale ask you to speak or participate on a panel for his class. This is an upper division class that many students entering health care fields take to learn more about helping LGBT clients.

It’s important to tell our own stories, so make time should Gale ask for your help. And, if your schedule allows, consider auditing the class!

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Phyllis Rhodes,
GLCCA Director and Co-Chair of Identity

GLCCA staff volunteer Liz Fullerton also provides editorial assistance for NorthVIEW.
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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 IMRU, 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+, 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 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, 522-0940 (Rev. Guy Johnson)
Metropolitan Community Church Service, 2 PM, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St.
Northern Exposure Bowling League, 4 PM, Park Lanes, 4350 Ames Ave., 561-8744
Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myma's, 276-9762 (Jim)

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, 907-789-6167 (Marsh)
Sat PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room

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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 Constitution of the United States and the 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: akclu@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. ibugs@uaa.alaska.edu, www.uaa.alaska.edu/uglu

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. 907-479-8689.

Aquarian Foundation services. 8 PM Wednesdays, 11 AM Sundays. 8500 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-349-3955.

Breakeven Productions has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. 907-277-5620 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. celebrationofchange@email.com

Committee for Equality. Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. bssanti@gci.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. 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) hillmann@alaska.net; Fairbanks Lisa Slayton or Jeff Walters c/o GLSEN, PO Box 85315, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-457-2787.

Identity, Inc., a nonprofit Alaska corporation concerned with issues of sexual and gender identity. Identity envisions a world where all are free to express and be proud of their sexual and gender identities. The mission is to build the infrastructure for a strong GLBT community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and Lesbian HelpLine, NorthVIEW, PrideFest, Living Out Loud Youth Conference/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 (ICOA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Black Hat picnic, the Fair Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parks strip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. PO Box 104032, Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. www.icoa.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).