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CORRECTION

Last month we incorrectly identified Lynne Sangster as a member of Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. Instead, she is a ten-year member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church: “A More Light Church that embraces all of us,” explains Lynne. “I also visit often at MCC, but my home is with Immanuel.”

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Holidays? No, Thanks.

Well, it’s that time again. Time for tinsel, credit cards, crowded malls and shopping trips from hell.

Well, not for me. Yes, I’m a Scrooge. Not because of money, though. Rather, I hate crowded stores, crying children, crabby parents, traffic and congestion, sappy Christmas cards, and trying to find the perfect gift for someone who already has everything they could possibly want and more.

Of course, not everyone shares my passion for non-traditional approaches to Christmas. You see, each month I send email reminders to a pool of writers who frequently submit articles to Northview. I suggest a monthly theme and remind them of the deadline (if you’d like to be added to this list, drop me a note at northview@identityinc.org).

The theme I suggested for December Northview was “non-traditional approaches to holidays,” or “How to survive the holidays if you’re not a holiday person.”

Only a single person chose to write about the topic, which tells me there are lots of happy holiday folks out there in Alaska GLBTA land. I guess that makes me a minority.

You see, I imagined that since GLBTA folk make our own families and our own unique family traditions (or lack thereof if we so choose), we’d be experts at creating our own unique ways of coping with holidays. Or maybe we’re so busy we just didn’t have time to write about it!!

As for me, my siblings and I get together every other Christmas, not to celebrate the holidays, but to celebrate each other (our parents died some years ago). So on Dec. 17, my husband Danny and I will fly to Atlanta and then drive to colorful Savannah, where we have a beach house reserved on Tybee Island for us, my sibs, my son and his girlfriend.

This year my family and I will celebrate a successful knee reconstruction, a benign breast tumor, an ongoing recovery from a near-fatal skydive accident, life after Navy retirement, a difficult divorce that has finally healed, passing the professional engineer certification (my son is now a registered P.E.!), and my second full year as editor of Northview. We will do this without a Christmas tree, without carols or presents, and without credit cards (ok, we charged our airfare, but it’s paid for now).

While those are my choices, I know that some in our community will embrace trees and tinsel, and that’s a wonderful choice as long as it’s a choice and not an expectation.

Whatever you choose to do with your holidays — or if you choose to do nothing at all — I wish you a wonderful end to 2004 and a fabulous 2005!

Warmly,
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December 2004
Non-traditional Family Values and Holidays

Who is your family? I know we have all asked that before. I have a multi-faceted rainbow family. There are people in the LGBT/A community worldwide who are family to me. Yes, that probably includes you, the reader.

Last month I shared with you about the church I am a member of, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and MCC, which I am a friend of, they too are part of my loving family. I have some blood relatives that I still consider family, they are the ones who still accept and love me without reservation.

You will be reading this after the first holiday that I celebrate of this season and that is Thanksgiving. I will have returned from spending six days with two family members. It will be the first time in more than 12 years I have shared Thanksgiving with blood family. I am truly thankful for their acceptance when I listen to them talk in excited tones about the visit. I confess to you that I’m a little lost as to what to do with my mother for a week alone!

Some friends at Immanuel announced they want to have a community gathering to celebrate Winter Solstice. It’s my suspicion that Ms. Mary Charlotte Carey, who recently arrived from Florida, is similar in spirit to Rev. Karen Lipinczcyk. She has a gentle yet firm spirit. I hope you will check out the Solstice Celebration if it’s of interest to you.

In recent years I’ve learned to treasure times with my family of choice during the holidays. I enjoy watching adopted children and grandchildren open gifts and give to those in need. I feel that the young should learn to value giving as well as receiving. I get excited about sing-a-longs and meals with friends. Once upon a time I enjoyed going to 12-Step meetings on the Eve of Christmas and New Year’s, but now I enjoy either spending it celebrating with friends or in quiet reflection.

What will you do for the wellbeing of your values this holiday season? I’m certain that if you have read this entire article, you too have nontraditional values that can be respected by all!

Lynne Sangster is a 34-year Alaskan, an active member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and a long-time friend of MCC. She considers her dog Bear her partner for the duration of his life. He teaches her to take time to play.

Editor’s Note: Mary Charlotte Carey is the wife of Rev. John Carey, interim pastor at Immanuel.

Identity
Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage
Coping with Post-Election Blues

People often ask how I handle depressing events with my natural tendencies arising from my bipolar disorder. I rely on the coping skills I have learned from my therapist, Kate, my psychologist, and from the team of professionals at Providence Mental Health Unit.

I was in shock Nov. 3rd, although the election results were exactly what I had expected. What affected me most were the eleven anti marriage amendments, and well... Bush. My numbness soon wore off, replaced with anger and deep depression.

Some coping skills I tried worked well; others merely exacerbated my dark mood. I received some unsolicited comforting emails the day after the election. They started dialogues over several days that helped.

I tried to be playful by buying two all-black outfits to mourn the election. In 48 years, this is the first time I've bought black clothing. I've always insisted on color, and I consider black to be the absence of color. That was a little fun, wearing it to work was fun too. I didn't accomplish anything with this change of colors except lifting my mood a notch, so I came out ahead on that one.

I tried talking to friends and family about how depressing the election results were for me, and got mixed results there. I do have a clearer picture of everyone's politics though.

A couple of friends took me to dinner and to see my first opera, La Traviata. It was not something I would have done on my own, but I'm hooked now. It was a wonderful night out. I have a new musical interest to add to my jazz, blues, classical, folk, R&B, show tunes, and various other genres. Verdi is my new hero.

I've spent a lot of time with my sister, who just moved to Anchorage from Homer, and this has helped as we laugh a lot.

With my kids needing me at home in the evenings and not being able to drive, I don't get out to the bars anymore. What I miss most about that is being around other GLBT people and seeing friends. I don't miss the smoke.

On Sunday I recharge my batteries at the Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage where I'm a member. The congregation is mostly GLBT and is growing. Just spending an hour and a half with other GLBT people and the loving allies there renews my energy for the week, because I can let my guard down completely and relax. I'm thankful we have a talented speaker in our young new pastor from Australia, Rev. Johnathan Jones. I get a lot from his messages, and enjoy the humor he uses to package them.

It's now been ten days since the travesty of the ballot boxes and I've called off plans to move to Canada when my son graduates. Instead, I'm preparing to go back to Japan for a few years after my graduation. I'll be going back to Japan, a country where I've spent 12% of my life. I won't be running from the homophobic bigots.

I feel better now. I'm not happy about the election, but I'm not going to slit my wrists over it either. I'm going to stay put and live to really irritate those fundamentalists.

Chuck Hart is a single father of three and a long-time Alaskan with a great deal of experience coping with post-election blues.

Editor’s Note: I attended a conference at work Nov. 4. During a break, I noticed co-worker - a mature African-American woman - sitting alone looking somewhat sad. I asked if she was okay. She looked at me and said, “Everything and everyone I voted for didn’t pass or was not elected.”

I smiled and told her she wasn’t alone. She smiled back. Maybe just knowing we’re not alone helps a little.

Chuck: you’re not alone. I’d like to help you “irritate those fundamentalists.”
Where Is Your Identity?

With holidays coming up, it's important to remember to keep your credit cards, receipts, statements and other personal data in a safe place. Many people don't realize how easy it is for the criminals to obtain our personal data without having to break into our homes.

Identity theft is a serious crime and a federal offense. Sometimes it takes months or even years for the victims, whose identities have been stolen, to recover and take care of the mess thieves made of their credit record and their name. People lose their reputation, jobs or get refused an opportunity to get employment or education, as well as housing and loans. It is a possibility to be arrested for the crimes the victims did not commit.

Identity theft happens when someone obtains and uses your personal information, such as your name, Social Security number, bank account, credit cards and calling cards numbers, and other information without your authorization.

"Only a crooked person would think of things like that for a simple purpose of personal economic gain," said Mary Tullius, 51, whose Visa card number was stolen in February of this year. The total amount charged by the thief was nearly $5,200. The charges occurred online or over the phone from Nordstrom's catalog in another state. Coincidentally, Tullius has worked at Nordstrom for the last 30 years. The bank that issued the credit card credited her account all the charges due to fraud.

The areas near your home or office might not be secure either. Some criminals practice "dumpster diving" to obtain receipts, bank and credit card statements in order to get control over personal accounts.

The Internet has become an appealing place for criminals to get identifying data when people respond to "spam," unsolicited e-mail that promises them some benefit but requests identifying data. Criminals have used computer technology to obtain large amounts of personal data.

However, sometimes identity theft can happen in your own home. Mark Hanlon, 48, experienced that misfortune a few months ago when he learned that his former roommate was opening his bank statements, using his credit card and calling numbers, and writing checks for cash. Hanlon noticed something was wrong when his account balances did not match his calculations. The thief used Hanlon's funds to pay his cellular phone bill for $1,600, bought a new phone for $400, used the credit cards for limousine services and even pizza deliveries.

When Hanlon confronted his former roommate over the phone, he responded that he was about to leave the city on the plane. Sounds like a story from the movie Catch me If You Can, doesn't it? The banks are helping Hanlon by refunding his accounts and crediting the disputed charges, but it will take awhile to recover from these damages. The total in charges and stolen cash was about $10,000.

"It's probably a thrill for a person to steal someone's identity. Also, it depends on the lifestyle that you choose, your social and cultural values, and the way you were brought up," said Hanlon. He also remembered that he and his former roommate had laughed at CitiBank identity theft commercials. "They were cute and funny, but who would ever think it would happen in reality," said Hanlon.

To reduce or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of fraud, here are some basic steps you can take. Be stingy about giving your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them. Check your financial information regularly, and look for what should be there and what shouldn't. Ask periodically for a copy of your credit report and maintain careful records of your banking and financial accounts.

If you think you've become a victim of identity theft, act immediately to minimize the damage to your personal funds and financial accounts, as well as your reputation.

First, contact the Federal Trade Commission to report the situation at 877-ID-THEFT. Contact the Social Security Administration if you suspect that your Social Security number is being fraudulently used. If tax violations are involved due to improper use of identification, talk to the Internal Revenue Service.

Second, call the fraud units of the three principal credit reporting companies: Equifax: (800-525-6285), Experian (888-EXPERIAN) and Trans Union (800-680-7289).

You might want to order credit reports and dispute the information in your reports, if needed. Contact all creditors with whom your name or identifying data have been fraudulently used. Contact all financial institutions where you have accounts that an identity thief has taken over, or that have been created in your name without your knowledge. You may need to cancel those accounts, place stop payment
orders on any outstanding checks, and change your ATM card, account and PIN.

As you can see, it can be a lot of work cleaning up the mess someone created for you. And you are the person who can prevent the Identity theft. Have happy and safe holidays, be careful and don’t let the worst happen to you.

Gene Rachinsky will graduate in December with a degree in Journalism from Roosevelt University (Chicago). He lives with his partner Kurt in Anchorage.

Troy Kaplan and Nathan Rivas join hands to cut the cake. The two were joined in Holy Union by Rev. Jonathan Jones at Metropolitan Community Church in Anchorage on October 30. (photo by Ron Swartz)

A blue fairy (Lori Richards) reveals shapely legs at Mad Myrna’s Halloween bash. (photo by Gene Rachinsky)

**Rock For Your Community**

Want to hear some great rock and blues music and help raise money for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage? Then head to Mad Myrna’s Saturday, December 4, from 7-10 pm to hear local rock and blues band FULL CIRCLE. Your $5 suggested donation will benefit the GLCCA adopt-a-day program.
The Year in Review

I started this year as co-chair of Identity, but new opportunities opened up. It's been a very interesting and educational year for me. I've seen Identity more clearly establish itself in collaborative ventures with other GLBTA organizations.

PFLAG sponsored the "Out and Elected" exhibit at the Loussac Library and we helped get out the word and participated in the event. With the money leftover, PFLAG gave back to the community by adopting days at the GLCCA.

The Imperial Court of All Alaska gave generously to PrideFest again and together we organized and presented another outstanding program. In November, the Court stepped forward to generously underwrite NorthVIEW and has agreed to provide exciting articles and photos of Court activities throughout 2005.

Michael French and The Last Frontier Men's Club raised money to put up a sign at the GLCCA. We hope to have the sign up by the time this goes to press. Another community member has donated the municipality sign fee. It's wonderful how the GLCCA has become a resource for the community as a whole.

Memberships in Identity have grown. We're launching a membership drive to increase our membership in 2005. We've been funded by the Pride Foundation for capacity growing, which means expanding our membership, donor base, collaboration, stability of programs, and building the infrastructure for a strong GLBTA community in Alaska. The funds will also be used to publish a new HelpLine manual, and one of our GLCCA volunteers has generously given of her time to update the resource lists. We're looking for more volunteers for the HelpLine and the GLCCA as part of this program of expansion.

November and December are the months for pledging to workplace giving programs, such as United Way, Alaska Community Share, and the Combined Federal Campaign. I hope as you consider what you will pledge, that you will choose Identity. Be sure to check the box that lets us know you are giving so we can credit you in our fundraising program. It also qualifies you to receive NorthVIEW discreetly mailed to your home. By doing so, you help fund all Identity programs: the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, NorthVIEW, Pride Conference, PrideFest, the HelpLine, and Living Out Loud Youth Program.

At this writing, Al and Dan Carter-Incontro plan to leave Nov. 18 and I already miss them. We're looking for more volunteers and activists like them, so if you're interested in being a part of what's happening in the GLBTA community, come join our Board of Directors. We'll hold elections in April and it's not too soon to explore the opportunities presented by being a part of Identity's Board of Directors.

"The Laramie Project" was a wonderful success. Many kudos to Doug Frank who worked so hard to make this a resounding success. I have not been moved by a presentation, whether a play or film, like I was moved by this play. We sat spellbound as the story of what happened in Laramie, Wyoming, unfolded (when Matthew Shepard was so brutally murdered). What intrigued me was the way people in Laramie changed over the course of the time after the murder. Many went from indifferent or even hostile to gays to being supportive of gay rights and wanting a stop to the violence in whatever form it takes. Christian Heppinstall was director and Doug Frank the set manager. The ending was something I thought could only happen in a theater, but when the curtain fell from in front of the fence, it was shocking and emotionally powerful. After the play, Victoria Shaver told us about that night here in Anchorage and the candlelight vigil that was held. Then we had a lovely reception and met the director and some of the actors.

The other play, "The Inner Circle: Changing Times," produced by the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's) and the Anchorage Theatre of Youth, was also very moving. This powerful play was wonderfully produced, with Christian Heppinstall also directing this play. What a wonderful talent this artistic man has. The young actors did a superb job and made it so real.

On another note, Identity made the decision some months ago to investigate redoing the "One in Ten" study done some twenty years ago. This project will help us see just what is happening in our community here in Alaska. We are collaborating with Out North and Four A's. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact me at the GLCCA (929-4528).

Thanks for your support throughout this year, and have a wonderful holiday!

Diana Sue Wolfe
Executive Director
Identity, Inc.
Four A's Hosts Open House

The Four A’s was able to renovate and soundproof their offices this fall, thanks to the generosity of the Rasmuson Foundation. The Four A’s hosted an open house Nov. 16 to show off its fresh, new look!

Left to right: Ricardo Lopez, Program Assistant with the Rasmuson Foundation; Dan Seiser, Vice President of the Four A’s Board of Directors; George Hieronymus, Program Officer with the Rasmuson Foundation; Brenda Aiken, President of the Four A’s Board of Directors; Trevor Storrs, Executive Director of the Four A’s; Diane Kaplan, President and CEO of the Rasmuson Foundation, and Jeff Clarke, Chief Administrative Officer with the Rasmuson Foundation, pose in the newly remodeled Four A’s reception area.

VM & the Season of Giving

Ticket sales benefit women and children.


Eve Ensler’s hilarious and heart-felt tribute to women, The Vagina Monologues, returns to Out North the day after Thanksgiving until the day before New Year’s Eve. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Alaska nonprofits serving women and children. Some performances will feature cameo appearances by elected officials and other notable women who will read one of the monologues in support of their favorite women’s organization.

Take a break from tradition. The Nutcracker plays one weekend only: see VM throughout the holiday season. Tickets ($15-$20) are available online, by calling 279-3800, and at the door. Celebrate this Season of Giving by supporting women causes at ON.

To usher for VM, call Debbie at 279-8099 or email volunteer@outnorth.org.
Pride Foundation Scholarships

Pride Foundation and the Greater Seattle Business Association will award more than $175,000 in scholarships for the 2005-06 school year.

Our scholarships are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allied (straight and supportive of LGBT issues) students, as well as students from LGBT families. We particularly encourage applications from LGBT students of color.

The scholarships are for post-secondary education (community college through graduate school), including nontraditional programs, creative study and vocational training. We offer more than thirty different types of scholarships. Some are for particular areas of study, while others are more general, but applicants only need to fill out one application. Most scholarships are open to residents of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

For more information or to download an application, visit www.pridefoundation.org.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 14, 2005!
She's Not There

If you're interested in a funny, poignant and extremely well-written story about male-to-female transition, then Jennifer Finney Boylan's 'She's Not There' (Broadway Books, 2003) is definitely for you.

Currently employed as English professor at Colby College in Maine, Jennifer already has previously published novels – 'The Planets, The Constellations, and Getting In' – during the years when she was James. She also shared an office (as James) with Pulitzer Prize winning author Richard Russo before he became famous and left the college. And one of the bonuses in 'She's Not There' is Russo's thoughtful "Afterward."

James Kinney Boylan was born in 1958 and didn't realize he was boy until the age of three. But it was never easy and always confusing. Indeed, one of Jennifer's comments about her period as James, which lasted over forty years, was that each day James woke up, he had to 'choose' to be a male.

Although James did some cross-dressing when he was in college, he always hoped that 'love' would solve his problem. And when he met Grace and fell in love with her, he thought this might finally be the answer. The early years of the marriage (late 1980's) was the only time he was able to just be a male, without choosing it. But that didn't last. And it wasn't that he kept these concerns with Grace. He shared them, and she tried to be understanding and even tolerated his cross-dressing from time to time (it was 'his thing'). They eventually became parents of two boys, Luke and Patrick.

Ultimately, in 1999, James was in therapy again, which resulted in his decision to transition to Jennifer. Beginning with hormones, James started to look more and more like a woman through 2001. He did this while teaching at the college – his colleagues wondered if he had some fatal illness due to the weight change – and he also did it in front of his wife and kids.

Grace was both devastated and supportive. She didn't want to lose 'Jim' but she also tried to be loving toward and understanding of 'Jennifer'. Most interesting to me was the resilience of the two young children. They thought it was okay that their Daddy was looking more like a woman. Luke referred to his Daddy as 'boygirl' and when he learned that James would become Jennifer eventually, he came up first with the word 'domy' and then with 'maddy.'

Having a positive work environment made Jennifer's transition much easier. Not only was the college president supportive, but James was able to take a sabbatical for the 2001-2002 academic year when the surgery occurred and return to the campus as Jennifer.

Grace has decided, at least to this point, to stay married to Jennifer, even though their relationship is different. I also learned that in the eyes of the legal system, they still are married, even though they are now the same gender.

As I mentioned above, a side story is Richard Russo's reaction to James becoming Jennifer. The famous writer is a guy's guy and really liked sharing an office with James. He and his wife Barbara were also close to Grace, so this was traumatic for them. But Richard is doing his best. He misses James but has stayed friends with Jennifer. Indeed, he accompanied James on the trip to have the surgery to become Jennifer. That is a true friend!

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Thank you, October Adopt-a-Day Sponsors!

1st  Brian Chen & Tim Pearson
3rd  Jenifer Kohout & Karen Konopacki, last day to register to vote
4th  Happy Birthday, Victoria!
5th  Melba Cooke & Mad Myrna’s Fetish Ball
6th  Melba Cooke & Mad Myrna’s Fetish Ball
7th  Melba Cooke & Mad Myrna’s Fetish Ball
8th  Marion Richter for Don
9th  Marion Richter for Don
10th Tara Whitesell
11th Northern Raven Massage’s supports GLCCA
14th Tim Weiss
15th Michael Wilson, Happy Birthday
19th James Bruce
20th Jim Mohr & Frank Tano’s anniversary
21st Happy Birthday to Nathan Travis from Mike Travis
24th Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage
25th Tom Rachal
26th Tom Rachal
27th Tom Rachal
28th Tom Rachal
29th Tom Rachal
30th Tom Rachal
31st Susan Halvor & Erin Pikey’s anniversary

GLCCA Library Update

Attention, you fans of women’s basketball! Check out The Necessary Hunger by Nina Revoyr, a lesbian-themed novel that even Time magazine said “Beats with the pulse of life...A smooth, insightful read.” The local lesbians say it’s “an easy read on consuming passion and a reflection on lost opportunities.”

If you have a passion for women and sports, this is not the only book on those combined subjects at your GLCCA library...

Phyllis Rhodes,
GLCCA Director
Co-Chair, Identity

You too can adopt a day at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage for only $50. What a great way to honor a friend’s birthday or anniversary. Help us keep your center’s doors open!

Read all about it! Here’s where you can find the NorthVIEW.

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1100 E. Dimond Blvd., 344-4099

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center
2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 103, 929-GLBT

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530 E. 5th Ave., 276-9782

Metro Music & Book Store
530 E. Benson Blvd., 258-8774

The Raven
708 E. 4th Ave., 276-9672

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Winter & Spring
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June

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Pride Conference

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Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA), Ste. 103, 2110 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage. 907-929-4528

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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

Lines dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myrna'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 Myrna'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 Myrna's

"Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment; 10 PM; Mad Myrna's

Fri
Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+, volunteers, and friends), Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A's), Sta. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050.

"Friday Night Divas Show." 9 PM, Mad Myrna'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 Myrna's, 276-9762 (Jim)

Fairbanks Events

Tue
PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnett Street, Room 101, 907-45P-FLAG.

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, 907-479-8880

Sat
Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop

Sun
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 (Marsha)

Sat
PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mandenhall Library Conference Room

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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** (ACLU), 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) 258-0228, Email: aclu@alaska.net

**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 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. 7 pm. First Wednesday. Elmer’s Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

**Artic Bears.** First Friday. Fairbanks. 907-479-8680.

**Aquarian Foundation** services. 8 PM Wednesdays, 11 AM Sundays. 8300 LaViento Drive, Anchorage. 907-349-9955.

**Breakeven Productions** has been bringing up lesbian performers from around the country since 1987. 907-277-5650 for upcoming events or productions. skpups@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@gmail.com

**Committee for Equality,** Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. bsanek@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 have to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. www.uua.alaska.edu/clubcouncil/thefamily

**Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA),** The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Their 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 Thursdays, 12-6 PM Saturdays and Sundays. 2100 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste 103 (between the Burger Caché & 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).

**The Gay Club (a UAF student organization),** c/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-6597. fhughes@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/aglu

**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) flatlum@alaska.net, Fairbanks Lisa Stayton 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 Eklutna picnic, the Fur Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. PO Box 104032, Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. www.icoa.org

**IMRU,** 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, 1st and 3rd 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 Levis/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. TLFM, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862. info@tlfm.com www.tlfmc.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominately gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship in loving and compassionate God. 2 PM Sundays. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembrooke St. (East of 24th Ave. & Boniface Pwy). 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 mail@alaska.net

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

OPAL, a social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks. 907-345-3818 (Annie) 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 and December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church; 2311 Pembrooke 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).


Sitlakpflag@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 prideonthebrick@yahoo.com


Shanrd 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, 800-476-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. AID's 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). Jenkoui@aol.com

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael 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:

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Alaska Women Speak, a publication by/for Alaska 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, 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 PFLAG Fairbanks, P.O. Box 82209, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-45P-FLAG.

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