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Cover View
It's time to retire our 2004 calendars as we welcome in the new year with a slate of fun activities throughout the community. 2005 promises to be an equally vibrant and productive year for the Alaska GLBTA community.

Identity wishes our membership, our great partner organizations, and the individual members of our community a warm and wonderful new year!
A Marriage Made in Heaven

Jeez, another new year. Either time is passing faster than ever, or I'm older than dirt.

The year 2005 looks pretty exciting to me. It will mark my third and final year as editor of NorthVIEW. I look forward to eventually passing this exhausting but rewarding hat to a new editor, so if you write well and want to enhance your resume, drop me an email at northview@identityinc.org.

And now some cool news for '05. In November, I went to the monthly board meeting of The Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska with a marriage proposition (smile). I asked the Court for two things and they granted my requests. I left the meeting happier than a lipstick lesbian at the Nordstrom cosmetic counter during Clinique Bonus Days!

The first thing I asked for was financial sponsorship. Identity membership dues help fund NorthVIEW, but those same dues also fund the Pride Conference, PrideFest, the HelpLine, and other Identity programs. NorthVIEW is produced by an all-volunteer staff and we do all we can to keep production costs low. Still, it's expensive to produce and mail a monthly newsmagazine for our community. So I asked the Court for financial sponsorship to help us continue to produce a quality newsmagazine that provides a forum for GLBTA writers and photographers to have their work published and distributed throughout the community.

The second thing I asked for was more news and photos about Court functions and activities. The new reigning monarchs, His Imperial Majesty Black Diamond Denali Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III and Her Imperial Majesty The Ultimate Ecstasy Aurora Empress XXXII Kristara have an ambitious agenda planned for the year. So I'll be working closely with Kristara and Jake to bring you news and photos about Court events and activities each month throughout 2005.

The Court granted the wishes of this loyal subject. So hold on to your hats as the pages of NorthVIEW sizzle in 2005 with hot photos and exciting news of fabulous events you won't want to miss!

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ICOAA Spotlight
32nd Reign Off to a Great Start!

Ok, here's a short quiz. The Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska is:

a) an Anchorage nonprofit organization for over 30 years
b) the oldest GLBTA community organization in Alaska
c) a community service organization that awarded over $70,000 in academic scholarships in 2004
d) all of the above

If you answered "d," pick up your free copy of NorthVIEW at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage!

We caught up with the three times elected Empress, Her Most Imperial Majesty The Ultimate Ecstasy Aurora Empress XXXII Kristara recently to ask a few questions about the 32nd reign. Kristara and her fellow monarch, His Most Imperial Majesty Black Diamond Denali Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III, have some specific goals in 2005.

“Our main focus is to increase the presence of the Imperial Court in Alaska," explains Kristara. "Some people don’t know about the Imperial Court and what we do. We want to increase membership and raise awareness about the Court. It’s more than queens in high heels!"

Each year the Imperial Court awards thousands of dollars in academic scholarships to members of the Alaska GLBTA community. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic goals. Applications are available from the Court's web site (icoaa.org). The ICOAA awarded over $150,000 in academic scholarships in the last two years.

In addition to the scholarship program, the Imperial Court hosts fundraising events, benefits, titleholder balls and other functions. Proceeds benefit other GLBT nonprofits throughout the community. Each year the Court is a major sponsor of PrideFest, the Memorial Day Picnic, and the Pride Parade in downtown Anchorage.

So visit the ICOAA web site and consider becoming a member of the 32nd reign. Your $15 membership fee gets you a discount at Court functions throughout the year. Then get on board for an exciting 32nd reign of the Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska!

For more information, contact the Empress at Kristara26@aol.com or Jacob Lawrence III at jakeman11@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendar...

The Ducal Court will hold the Ascension Ball on January 15, 2004. The theme is "Hot Nights at Havana" and it will be held at Mad Myrna’s show lounge. $10 for dinner and show or $5 for the show. Door and dinner at 7pm and show at 8pm. For more information, contact Grand Duchess Paula Butner at pbutner@hotmail.com.

The Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska (ICOAA)
generously provides financial support for NorthVIEW
For better or worse, the year 2004 is done. What was the high point of the year for you? And was there a low point (that you wish to share)? What did you learn from both?

The obvious high point for me in 2004 was getting a wonderful new job in October as the Development Director of the YWCA. I'd been searching for a better job for over a year and a half. It is everything I wanted and more!

I would say my low point was during the summer I lost 3 good friends. To make long stories short, one lied to and betrayed me, so I ended my friendship with her, and two moved out of state, one without saying goodbye. At the beginning of 2004 I thought all 3 of these women would be significantly in my life for many years to come. It is interesting how quickly things can totally change.

What I learned/gained from these experiences was a trust that everything happens for a reason. You may not understand it when/as things occur, but later it will be revealed to you.

I am a Nichiren Buddhist, and I had made a list this spring of EVERYTHING I wanted in a new job (environment, type of organization, boss, coworkers, duties, salary, benefits, etc.). I put this list on my altar and every morning and evening I would chant for these things after I did my daily prayers. And I received EVERYTHING I chanted for in my new job and more! My faith and daily Buddhist practice were both strengthened by this experience.

Losing the three close friends made me determine what I really want out of my friendships and what kind of people I attract and want in my life. It caused me to evaluate all of my personal relationships, which was a great learning experience. It also freed up my time for other endeavors.

Ah, the value of hindsight. What will you do better—or just different—in 2005?

Every year is always full of personal growth and learning for me. I have some specific goals for 2005 for several areas of my life. I will turn 40 in January, and this milestone also causes me to evaluate this journey I am on. Consistency, in several areas of my life, seems to be a big factor in achieving my 2005 goals.

There are many wonderful groups and organizations that make life better for GLBTA folk in Alaska. How will you give back to your community in 2005?

That is a very good question, and I am glad you have made me consider this. I am honestly not certain where my volunteering efforts will focus in the coming year. In past years I have been involved with Celebration of Change, the Gay Pride Conference, the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage Advisory Board, Dyke Disco Nights, Unity in Our Community, the Klondyke Contact, and Gay Joyous & Free (the GLBT Alcoholics Anonymous Group).

Although I am no longer leading the weekly AA meetings at the GLCCA, I still attend these meetings. I feel that supporting this GLBT AA group is extremely important, so that when someone in our community needs and wants help with their addiction(s), there are people there on Monday nights at the GLCCA who both understand and care.
Ah, the value of hindsight. What will you do better—or just different—in 2005?

I Am Hereby Resolved in this New Year to.....

Now, my friends, my sisters and brothers, what really is a heartfelt resolution? I intend to break all of the rules again and again until I perfect the art of breaking them.

One year many moons ago I resolved to lose a certain number of pounds in the new year. Let me tell you in all the confidence that a forum such as the NORTH VIEW affords that I broke that resolution. In recent years I have learned to accept myself on my own terms, rather than the terms imposed by others. It’s so much more freeing to live by my rules and resolutions instead of society’s imposed resolutions. My dog accepts me as I am and I accept him just as he is. So, I resolve during this year 2005 to keep my dog happy most of the time.

A Night of Rock & Blues Nets $700 for GLCCA!
by Teresa McPherson

Ok, this is where, as a board member of Identity, I’m supposed to say something warm and fuzzy, like “Identity thanks FULL CIRCLE and their fans for raising funds to adopt fourteen days at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage.”

But I’m not going to, at least not that way. Instead, I want to take off my Identity hat and tell you how this incredible evening came to be.

Here’s the skinny. My husband Danny has played with a local rock and blues band called FULL CIRCLE for about eight years. That’s two years longer than I’ve even known Danny, so officially, he’s been with FULL CIRCLE longer than he’s been with me. This is something I must remember on those days when music paraphernalia manages to multiply in our living room like Tribbles from Star Trek. (For you non-Trekkies, Tribbles were little fuzzy creatures from another galaxy that multiplied faster than rabbits.)

When the band planned a gig at Mad Myrna’s this fall, I asked them about turning the gig into a fundraiser for the community center. They liked the idea, so we did some publicity and asked for a suggested donation, more if you can, less if you can’t, that kind of thing. Throughout the evening, we unabashedly asked for funds to help us adopt those days each month at the community center that go unadopted.

The generous women and men who visited Mad Myrna’s on Dec. 4 donated an unbelievable $700 to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center’s Adopt-a-Day Fund! Everyone was a winner. The band had a full room to play to, we danced until our feet ached, and every penny raised went to the GLCCA.

So here’s a big thank-you to the hardworking women and men of FULL CIRCLE Rock & Blues Band, Mad Myrna and her wonderful staff, Susan Niman who tirelessly helped us pass the hat for donations, and most of all, to the wonderful people of this community who never cease to amaze me. You ROCK!

FULL CIRCLE, featuring Terri Anderson (lead vocals), Danny Templeton (lead guitar), Gay Wolfenberger (bass), Kippy Lanz (backup vocals & percussion), Tim Saunders (drums), and sound goddess Shelley Wozniak.
Dad’s Corner: Chuck Hart

For better or worse, the year 2004 is done. What was the high point of the year for you? And was there a low point (that you wish to share)? What did you learn from both?

My high point for 2004 was visiting my 90-year-old grandma in Washington. I hadn’t been able to see her since 1997. In 2002 she nearly died. Our family agonized for three days before deciding to “pull the plug.” When the doctor removed the breathing tube from her throat, my feisty French grandma sat up and chewed the doctor out for having put her on life support against her “Do Not Resuscitate” order.

I am her first grandchild, born just one week before grandpa walked out on her. I was with her every day she had off until she remarried when I was four. She flew to Alaska every year after my family moved here. We shared stories, played cards, and had a lot of fun just being together. I may never see her again, or I may get lucky, but I am happy for this visit. We had a great week together.

My low point of 2004 was the day after the elections, Nov. 3rd (enough said).

Ah, the value of hindsight. What will you do better—or just different—in 2005?

Funny true story of 2004: I received a phone call at work from my teenage daughter that began with, “Dad, where do you keep your condoms?” The world went black as my eyesight shut down to focus all attention to my ears. My heart skipped a lot of beats. I was happy that she felt confident enough to ask me, but she is still my little girl. How could this be? We had moved and the few old condoms I had were who knows where. (I have been unintentionally celibate and single for longer than I care to discuss here, conditions I plan to remedy when the nest is empty.)

I somehow told her of three or four possible locations and then she finally explained that she and a few friends (all girls) were going to play “condom volleyball.” They found a condom in one of her friends’ cars and had a good game.

Later, I brought home LOTS of new condoms and had a good discussion with my daughter, both of us grinning and blushing. She said she doesn’t need them as she plans on abstinence until marriage, but she took them to comfort me. I want her to have them in the off chance she ever needs one for the intended purpose so she doesn’t have to ask.

In hindsight, after pulling myself out of my temporary depression from the election, I will try not to let the straight world affect my feelings negatively. My straight sister affects my feelings in positive ways and I am happy for that.

There are many wonderful groups and organizations that make life better for GLBTA folk in Alaska. How will you give back to your community in 2005?

Not driving limits my involvement in the GLBTA community except for my involvement in my church, the Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage, where I serve as a greeter. I enjoy making people feel welcome in church, just as they are.

I also plan to write every month for this publication. These will be my main two community involvements for 2005.
A Man of Mystery

Leather – barbaric, medieval, industrial – is the flesh become word. It is the symbol of an outlaw lifestyle few want to acknowledge.

Leather has become a way of life for people in larger numbers than anyone ever suspected. At the same time, it is a dark word for masculinity that attracts many men, but seems too dangerous to approach. Leather is appealing to many, however, the hard rules of the world of leather mean only a few dare to enter.

Best known as Mr. Alaska Leather 2004, Kurt Hillyer is one of those few Alaska leathermen who makes the image of the leatherman a muscular portrait of the outlaw in the community. He is a leatherman who leads a social life considerably more active than that of the average man. As a member of The Last Frontier’s Men’s Club, he is involved in a constant series of organized events to support the functions of his own group and community. He enjoys doing it, he fits in and he is comfortable in the surroundings, and he is loyal in supporting it. Leather people constitute a stable element within the community, gay or straight, and are its greatest reservoir of organized strength.

Hillyer is forty-one years old and came to Alaska with his parents on his birthday at age 15. He never left Alaska since.

“The majestic sunrises and sunsets, along with a combination of mountains, ocean and the whole sense of wilderness, could never make one leave the Last Frontier,” said Hillyer.

Kurt lived in Seward, where he learned the trade of a fisherman and in 1994 he became a boat captain. After seeing opportunities in a bigger city, in 2000 he moved to Anchorage. A year later he came out to his family as a gay man.

“It was hard being truthful with myself and coming out without hurting my family. It’s a priority to think of others before I think of myself. They were not surprised, they knew all along,” Hillyer said. “However, they were more shocked by me being a leatherman, because leather for them was associated with S&M and kink in general. It took awhile to explain…”

The myth of self-hating masochist and the hateful sadist is as dangerous as racism, sexism, homophobia, or any type of prejudice against a class of people. Within the leather community, BDSM is more likely to be seen as a special talent, a rare gift, and a badge of honor and high status.

S&M is an umbrella term that includes many sexualities. The dictionary definition of sadomasochism is narrow and judgmental. Members of the leather community define BDSM as a pleasurable sexual activity between consenting adults that involves dominant and submissive role playing, physical restraint, or erotic pleasurable pain.

Hillyer’s friends, family and superiors respect the way he goes against the grain. People respond to him because of his open and friendly manner. The aura, magnetism and curiosity draw people closer to him. He has developed friendships throughout the community and the country. Kurt Hillyer is a person who wants to make a change and to be a part of that. By being different, he stood out from the crowd, not one of the gang but the leader of the gang who beats his own drum.

Hillyer values things that money can’t buy: love, friendship, health, sense of well being, soul sharing and people in his life. He strives to better himself and find a true leather family in the community.

“Sometimes it’s still hard to understand who I am and my own deep thoughts, as well as for people to understand my mind. I try not to question anything and let things happen,” added Hillyer, “I even read horoscope after the day is done, that way I know if it’s true or not. I like to plan ahead, but not too far. Things change and every day is different.”

He is a bit of a philosopher, saying that he likes to understand and not to analyze by looking at a bigger picture first and into details later. “I keep things simple; it makes them work,” said Hillyer.

There is a story behind every leatherman and all of them are unique and one of a kind. Leathermen then and now are a celebration of Greco-Roman ideals of masculinity, a hyper-male society that embraces classical male values and rituals such as honor, service, initiation, mentoring, and paying one’s dues.

They are men of mystery and when mystery enters our lives and stays there, we are set apart from others. Like a stranger who becomes a trusted friend and lover, that mystery can grow into wonder about the endless possibilities of who we are.

Gene Rachinsky is the partner of Kurt Hillyer. The two will unite in a ceremony Dec. 31, 2004, as the New Year begins.
For better or worse, the year 2004 is done. What was the high point of the year for you? And was there a low point (that you wish to share)? What did you learn from both?

I met my partner Chris in May 2002, and he had never met my family because they live on the East Coast. We decided it was time to fly out to upstate New York for some site-seeing, and for him to meet my clan. He’s native Hawaiian, so I wondered how my sheltered redneck relatives would react.

Well, my mom’s side of the family hosted an Independence Day barbecue, and they seemed to love him! The following weekend a (bisexual) brother on dad’s side hosted a barbecue, and they enjoyed Chris’s company, too.

We made time to tour parts of the Adirondack Mountains, scenic Lake George, and western Vermont, and the weather cooperated the whole time. Even an evening storm was entertaining, because we were able to enjoy nearby thunder and lightning, a rare phenomenon in Anchorage. And for Chris, he got to see his first fireflies!

Ah, the value of hindsight. What will you do better—or just different—in 2005?

Many of us Americans are wealthy in more ways than we realize. My goal in the new year is to stay focused on the philosophy of being content with what I have. The latest and greatest things available in a materialistic society are always tempting, but Chris and I have all we need (and already have most of what we want).

How much more do we really have to have, besides our modern and comfortable home and cars, good health, dial-up Internet, food and decent clothing, and love for each other and those we respect around us?

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AUUF Offers Spiritual Choice

"A religion of deeds more than creeds" is one way Unitarian Universalism has been described. The Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Turnagain Street has welcomed gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people since the days of worshipping in a log cabin on the parkstrip.

Who a person is and what they do in their bedroom has little relevance to AUUF members, as compared to whether they live their lives according to their beliefs. When I spoke to the congregation about what it has been like to be a bisexual policeman in a same sex relationship, members lined up during coffee hour afterward to ask more questions and learn and express their appreciation for sharing my experience with them.

Compared to other denominations, Unitarian Universalists have the highest percentage of openly gay and lesbian clergy. The UUs have been affirming services of union for same-sex couples since 1984. Many members honor Jesus, and many honor other master teachers like Moses or the Buddha. As a result, mixed-tradition families often find common ground in UU fellowships without compromising other loyalties.

At the Anchorage UU Fellowship, you can find members whose personal positions on faith are based on religious beliefs as Jews, Christians, Buddhists, atheists, agnostics, or naturalists. As the UU Association of Congregations put it, "facing this real and known world with integrity is preferable to yearning for an imagined and unknown one later on." As a member, I have felt comfortable following the teachings of Jesus and Buddha while still being an active and dedicated UU.

The minister of the Anchorage UU Fellowship since August 2002 is the Reverend Fran Dearman. She grew up on Vancouver Island in Canada and did her intern ministry in Edmonton, Alberta. When she was a little girl, her father became a Unitarian, "...bringing with us the best of what we'd left behind, taking it to what looked better. So since the age of eight, the Unitarian community has been where I developed and tested my personal faith, and it has always been a good fit for me." When asked why she answered the call for service to the Last Frontier, she answered, "Why not? For me... there's a lot of geographical and cultural continuity here for me. It feels like home, but more so."

Dearman said to me that when she sees a choir of congregants "...singing their hearts out, claiming for themselves the right to sing in praise and walk in beauty through joy and sorrow, it moves me almost to tears. Why is there no Gay Pride Choir here in Anchorage? If the gay community of Anchorage can pull a choir together, I’ll guarantee you a gig at the Fellowship at least once a year!"

Fran told me she likes to walk and hike and get outdoors. "Working at sea [10 years in merchant shipping] have me a taste for an open sky over my head." She loves to read, enjoys
music, and said "...some of the best fun I've had has been attending classes at APU." Dearman said ministry appeals to her, in part, because she is always learning. She finds it rewarding to be with people for their rites of passage, or to introduce ideas as a preacher and teacher and see someone take it somewhere she'd never dreamt of.

Something that stands out for her was seeing the "profound commitment to their Fellowship that people expressed in the face of the hostility by Fred Phelps' proposed visit in June of 2002. People who'd spent their Sundays outdoors on the trails for years came to Fellowship services in droves, to show how they valued liberal religion. People came to me to say how important the Fellowship was to them, and that it was a Welcoming Congregation. Wow. That's rewarding."

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Stonewall

In general, the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 in Greenwich Village are considered the beginning of the modern Gay Liberation Movement, and when I read historian Martin Duberman’s Stonewall in 1993, I figured I’d gotten about the most complete story I could regarding this seminal event. But this is no longer the case.

David Carter, a writer who has been living in Greenwich Village – two blocks from where the Stonewall Inn was located – doing interviews, and digging into archives over the past ten years, has just published a marvelous new history on the riots entitled, like Duberman’s book, Stonewall (St. Martin’s Press, 2004).

Carter’s account is divided into three sections: (1) Setting the Stage, (2) The Stonewall Riots, and (3) Gay Liberation.

In the first section, I learned where the name Stonewall came from: an autobiography by ‘Mary Casal’ in 1930 entitled Stone Wall. The buildings on Christopher Street, where the Stonewall Inn was ultimately located, housed various businesses over the years. Before the bar we know came into existence, there was the Stonewall Inn Restaurant. But it went out of business in the early 1960’s.

After the buildings sat vacant for a few years, a Mafia figure – all gay bars were run by the Mob since serving gays liquor in public was illegal in New York at the time – opened the Stonewall Inn in 1967. In most ways it was like all the other Mafia-run gay bars at the time: dirty, dark and with overpriced drinks. But it did feature two fabulous dance floors and soon it was the gathering place for a diverse group of gay folks of all races and segments of the gay community. The Stonewall Inn was also located only a couple of blocks from the heart of Greenwich Village, and also, unlike most establishments in this part of town, had a large area of open space in front. This was critical when the riots broke out.

In 1969 the city was in the midst of an election, which meant a crackdown on ‘vice,’ and they’d been raiding gay bars with some regularity. And, in section two of the book, it was finally cleared up for me as to what day the riots actually began. It was early Saturday morning on June 28th (I’d heard the 27th, too). Anyway, as the police arrested people in that early morning raid, the customers fought back, as did some of the street kids, outside the bar (as the folks were being led to the paddy wagons). The police eventually retreated back inside the bar, but the men in blue basically got their asses stomped.

I had heard that the gay street kids had fought back before – and Carter gives them lots of credit – but I’d heard contradictory stories about the drag queens fighting back. The confusion, according to Carter, is that the queens fought back, and some people have interpreted that as meaning drag queens. But it was a more general term then, applying to all effeminate gay men (a subgroup of which were then called flame queens). And there were also a number of lesbians who did their share of kicking ass as well. I’d also heard many different stories on how many days the riots lasted, varying from three to five days. Now, I know why. The riots were spread over six days, but the greatest conflict occurred on days one, two, and six.

Although the Stonewall Inn didn’t last three months past the riots, out of the riots grew the modern gay rights movement, with the Gay Liberation Front and, later, the Gay Activists Alliance being the first groups formed. There was also a celebration of the one-year anniversary of the riots in New York City in 1970, which was called the Christopher Street Liberation Day. It included a parade from Greenwich Village to Central Park, and it planted the seeds for pride parades that are held in so many communities today, including our own.

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A New Year's Greeting

It’s hard to believe a new year has come. This past year has been a year of change for me, and I look forward to 2005 with great anticipation.

The big news for Identity and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center is that we’ll have a new sign up in February. Alas, it will take the sign company that long to make and install the sign, but it will be ready for our Third Birthday Celebration for the GLCCA. The sign was designed by Jon Benorden and Tim Pearson and features a rainbow background with the name of the GLCCA and Identity’s logo. The Last Frontier Men’s Club raised $1,000 for it and then others contributed to the fund. Many thanks go to TLFMC who saw a need and proceeded to make it a reality, and to everyone else who contributed. It took us three years to get a sign, but it will be well worth it as it makes it easier for people to find us.

Wendy (my partner) and I attended the Full Circle performance at Mad Myrna’s on Dec. 4th. It was a great evening with lots of the kind of music we both enjoy and we even danced to the slower songs. Full Circle donated all their tips for the evening to the GLCCA, and Teresa McPherson was there to support the band (her husband, Danny Templeton, is the lead guitarist) and made a call several times for Adopt-a-Days. The band and their generous fans raised $700, which funded fourteen days at the Community Center. A wonderful evening it was and support for the center at the same time.

Identity is gearing up for a year of possibilities. We will be looking at new sources of funding through grants, raising our membership numbers, and making the GLCCA fully self-supporting. This year, the GLCCA met its budget and surpassed it. Many thanks are due to all who adopted days in 2004. You will have received a letter in the mail asking for your contribution to the Adopt-a-Day program for 2005. I hope you will respond with the enthusiasm and support we have experienced over the last three years. Some of you already have and will be on our new 2005 calendar.

We received a grant from the Pride Foundation to fund a capacity building campaign as we look to increase our memberships, our volunteers, and our donor base and funding. It will also fund the publication of a new and updated HelpLine manual. We are looking for new volunteers for the HelpLine and you will have an excellent resource to use for the calls that you receive. It’s so easy to be a volunteer. All you do is transfer the HelpLine phone to your own phone and answer it in the convenience of your own home or cell phone. Contact me if you are interested at the GLCCA most mornings at 929-4528. We will have a training session in January and will ask current HelpLine volunteers to attend and share their experiences.

I am one who makes New Year’s resolutions, are you? I usually spend New Year’s Day at home, sitting in my study and writing out the hopes and dreams of possibilities for the new year. This year I will look at how I can improve my professional abilities so that I can better serve Identity and the GLBTA community.

Would you consider how you could also contribute by gifts, time, or energy to your community through Identity? Together we’ll make this year one of the best years for Identity.

_Diana Sue Wolfe, Executive Director, Identity_

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2nd  Jen Kohout & Karen Konopacki – Election Day
3rd  Danny & Teresa’s Wedding Anniversary
4th  Happy Birthday to Jocelyn Kreb from Susannah
5th  Don and Andrew
6th  Celebrating Chris Pearson & Jack Darnell’s anniversary
7th  Ryan Carroll
9th  Deb DeProspero
10th  Shotgun Susie
10th  Trevor Storrs
11th  Tom Smith
12th  Tom Smith
13th  Tom Smith
14th  Happy Birthday to Tina from Jamie
14th  Tom Smith
15th  Tom Smith
15th  Anne and Cori’s anniversary
16th  Tom Smith
17th  Tom Smith
18th  Happy Birthday to Autumn Grice from Maria Hernandez & Leslie Evans
19th  James Bruce
21st  Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage
24th  Mary Crosby gives thanks for Carol Rose & Tess’ wedding
25th  Brian Chen & Tim Pearson
28th  Carol Rose & Tess Bensussen for Carol Rose’s Birthday
29th  The Last Frontier Men’s Club is appreciated by Phyllis
30th  Emily Craver for “Bar Stars” Bartending School

For better or worse, the year 2004 is done. What was the high point of the year for you? And was there a low point (that you wish to share)? What did you learn from both?

Although the passing of my partner’s father was sad, she took the occasion to “come out” by including my name in his published obituary as her companion. This obituary was also read “out loud” at his celebration of life before several hundred family and work friends. It was an “oh my gosh” but freeing experience for us both.

Ah, the value of hindsight. What will you do better—or just different—in 2005?

The year 2004 has been good. I intend to keep doing what I’ve been doing with an added effort toward raising operating funds for Identity’s programs.

There are many wonderful groups and organizations that make life better for GLBTA folk in Alaska. How will you give back to your community in 2005?

After the 2004 election results, it’s more important than ever that we support ourselves in every possible way. We must keep the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage vibrant and available. We must put our money and time into community programs for our youth, the Pride Conference and Pridefest, the HelpLine, and support the great programs of other organizations like Four A’s, PFLAG, TLFMC, GLSEN, Adam and Steve, and the Imperial Court of All Alaska.

Long-time GLCCA volunteer Kippy Lanz performs at the community center fundraiser Dec. 4.

Phyllis Rhodes,
GLCCA Director
Co-chair, Identity
Identity Programs

Winter & Spring  Living Out Loud Youth Program
   October  Pride Conference
   Daily  Gay and Lesbian Community Center of
          Anchorage (GLCCA). Ste. 103, 2110
          East Northern Lights Boulevard,
          Anchorage. 907-929-4528
   Nightly  Helpline for GLBT information and
            referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777
            or 888-901-9876
   Monthly  NorthVIEW newsmagazine

Anchorage Events

Mon  AA Gay, Joyous, and Free, 7 PM, GLCCA
Tues  PFLAG, 5:30 - 7 PM, third Thursday (except November &
      December), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311
      Pembroke St., 566-1813
      SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8 PM, 566-1133
      Line dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myma's
Wed  IMRU2, 5:30 - 7 PM, first and third Wednesdays, GLCCA,
      566-IMRU, leave message for more information
      GLSEN, 7 PM, second Wednesday, GLCCA
      "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 8:30 PM,
      Mad Myma's
Thu  SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 5:30 PM,
      Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 566-1133
      Friends and Family Support Group, 6:30 PM, 263-2050
      Country Dance Night, lessons 7-8 PM, open dancing
      8-10 PM, Mad Myma's
      "Karaoke Night" hosted by "K" Entertainment, 10 PM;
      Mad Myma's
Fri  Lunch, everyone invited (HIV+ volunteers, and friends),
      Noon - 1 PM, Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4A's),
      Ste. 102, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., 263-2050
      "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 Shn 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,
      4300 Ames Ave., 561-8744
      Sunday Dinner, 5 - 8 PM, Mad Myma's, 276-9762 (Jim)

Fairbanks Events

Tue  PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barrette Street,
     Room101, 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, 907-479-8680
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, 907-798-6167 (Marsha)
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. Also offers the monthly M-group, a fun workshop on sex and dating. Run by a Core Group (meets every first and third Tuesday at Four A’s at 7 PM) who plan all activities. Come meet new young queer men in a safe and supportive environment. 907-263-2081. www adamandsteve.org

Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (Four A’s) provides supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of HIV infection and its stigma. Many services cater specifically to women. 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Ste 102, Anchorage. 907-263-2050 (Anchorage), 800-478-AIDS (statewide).

Alaska Civil Liberties Union, a membership-based non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and defending the guarantees of individual liberty found in the Alaska Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights through litigation, education, and legislative advocacy. We are the Alaska state affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). P.O. Box 201844, Anchorage, AK 99520-1844. Phone: (907) 276-2258, Fax: (907) 258-0288, Email: akclu@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. 7pm, first Wednesday. Elmer’s Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

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

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

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. bsaran@getc.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. The Family is open to all anyone, gay or straight. For membership information call the club at 907-750-1766 or 907-750-1650. Membership is free. 907-276-2635. The family

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe place 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. 3110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste 103 (between the Burger Church & 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). E-mail: Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-6507. fbagla@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/vglia

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 J. hillman@alaska.net). Fairbanks Lisa Slayton or Jeff Walters E-mail: 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/Seminar, 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

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, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at GLCCA. 907-566-IMRU2(4678) to leave message.

Interior AIDS Association (IAA) Fairbanks offers medical and dental program assistance, "budies" (volunteers who help HIV & People Living With AIDS), mental health, and counseling and support. 907-452-4222 (for assistance or volunteering information).
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The Last Frontier Men's Club, a social club for the Leather/bear community. Brief business meeting & potluck social at 6 PM
second Sundays at, Mad Myra'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. TLCM, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054. 907-338-3862.
info@tlfmc.com www.tlfmc.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominantly gay/lesbian/human/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

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

OPAL, a social organization open to all Lesbians. OPAL sponsors different events throughout the year and occasional potlucks.
907-345-3818 (Anne) opal@geci.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 (voice/mail).
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, P.O. Box 6515, Sitka, AK. 907-747-3674. sitkapflags@yahoo.com

PrideFest Steering Committee of Identity plans and presents the annual Anchorage Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in September. The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBT pride@anarchepark@yahoo.com


Shanti of Juneau, offers support services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones, as well as offering comprehensive AIDS prevention and educational information. 222 Seward, Ste 200, P.O. Box 22655, Juneau, AK 99802-2655. 907-463-5665, 800-478-AIDS (2437).

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

S.T.O.P. AIDS PROJECT. Center for Drug Problems provides education and outreach specific to injection drug users and their sexual partners regarding HIV/AIDS prevention. Free anonymous HIV testing is provided on a walk-in basis. 1-4 PM Mondays and Wednesdays. 907-278-5019 (Anchorage).

Support Group (Sedona), a group of people with HIV, AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2589 (Jan).

Women's Ultimate Frisbee. 10:30 AM Sundays. West end of Delaney Parkstrip. 907-278-5179 (Jen or Karen). Jenkout@aol.com

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

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

National and Political GLBT News. Landmark case decisions and other newsworthy announcements from national organizations. To join, send an e-mail to: brsara@geci.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. 907-361-7737.

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 82290, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-45P-PFLAG.

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a large personals section. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michaelh2001@geci.net or michaelh2001@psml.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: alaskaglbtnews@yahoo.com

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

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