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Cover View

The irrepressible Shelly Wozniak emcees a live auction at the third anniversary celebration for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage Feb. 12. Participants bid on donated items that included artwork, gift certificates, jewelry and other collectibles.

The event raised nearly $5,000 to benefit the GLCCA and other Identity programs that support Alaska’s GLBTA communities.

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That's All, Folks!

Well, this is it. My 30th and final issue of NorthVIEW before I retire from the editor's chair. It's time to find another chair, another way of serving the community that has been so good to me in the last eight years.

I came out as a lesbian in late 1996, first to myself and then gradually to others. I knew no one in the Anchorage GLBT community, except one woman at work whom I was pretty sure was lesbian (later, when I gently asked her if she was "family," she answered, "of course!").

I learned pretty fast that when you leave heterosexual life, you sometimes have to give up more than you expected. I had few friends once I came out. Those who knew me from what I now refer to as "another life" thought I had lost my marbles, and tactfully avoided me. When my brief and stormy coming-out relationship dissolved, I realized I had few friends, no relatives in Alaska, and no idea how to even find gay and lesbian people in Anchorage.

My friend Paula told me about the annual spring Celebration of Change event in the women's community. I went and for the first time felt what it was like to be in the company of 150 vibrant lesbian women. Then I went to PrideFest and discovered even more rainbow people. And gradually I began to carve a niche for myself in this wonderful community.

Producing NorthVIEW for Identity over the last 2.5 years has been an immense pleasure. I feel a sense of accomplishment each time I work with my wonderful cadre of writers. The great group of women and men who submit articles and photos month after month truly make NorthVIEW a voice for all of us.

Editing a monthly newsletter wasn't without its headaches. There were deadlines to meet. Mountains of e-mail to wade through each month. Long hours sitting at my iMac after spending eight hours some days glued to my work PC (I'm now in bifocals!).

But the flip side was getting to know so many of you and working with people in the many great partner organizations in our community:

- The great folks at The Imperial Court of All Alaska, who've been so very generous to NorthVIEW during my time as editor.
- The good guys of The Last Frontier Men's Club, who helped Identity fund the gorgeous new sign at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage.
- And the many hardworking men and women of Four A's, GLSEN, PFLAG, MCC and others.

I sincerely ask that you keep NorthVIEW a voice for all of us by working with the new editor, Nicole Blizzard, to keep the newsletter filled with exciting coverage of all the wonderful things happening in our community. And I will continue to work with the Imperial Court to keep exciting news of ICOAA events and happening in the pages of NorthVIEW each month.

Together let's welcome and support Nicole as she takes the editor's chair at NorthVIEW!

Gratefully,
Teresa McPherson
Former Editor
Farewell to a Wonderful Editor

Teresa McPherson is one awesome woman! Over the past five years, I have grown to appreciate and love her passion, commitment, skills, and wonderful personality. She is now a close friend and “co-worker” whom I admire and respect. I am going to miss her hand on the wheel of the NorthVIEW, although I look forward to working with the new editor and hope to develop the same type of relationship with her that I have had with Teresa.

I first met Teresa and Danny at Pride Conference five years ago. My partner, Wendy, and I volunteered to start Identity’s Winter Workshops. Teresa and Danny participated in one of the first ones. Then we both were elected to the Identity Board and it has been a fun-filled ride ever since.

Teresa has had a strong commitment to her writers and others who submit to the NorthVIEW and she balanced out the diversity found among us. She has had a determination to get the best product possible, at the least cost, without compromising on quality. The news magazine has become a quality publication under her capable hands. She worked with designers Tim Pearson and Brian Chen in 2003 to create a professional new look for NorthVIEW still found in the publication today.

Teresa is still a member of the Identity Board of Directors and will be taking on some new projects. I look forward to continuing to work with her and enjoy our friendship. May the future be as bright as the past for this wonderful woman.

Diana Sue Wolfe
Executive Director
Identity, Inc.

Editor’s Note: One small correction. I wish I could say I helped Tim and Brian redesign NorthVIEW in 2003, but I can’t. These two gifted designers surprised me with a polished new look for the newsletter, for which I’m most grateful. —TMc

Hail and Farewell

As a writer for NorthVIEW since Clinton was president, I have had the pleasure of working with three editors. Each has helped me polish my writing. So far the transitions have been a little nervouse for me. Nagging doubts about my own writing were always in the background at first, but were soon put to rest.

Now, we have Nicole Blizzard, a freelance journalist, coming to the helm. I have known Nicole for two years through my day job at Borders. We have read each other’s articles (she is professionally talented). I love Nicole’s dry wit and optimism. If we have to lose Teresa, we are so fortunate to have Nicole take over.

Teresa has done a wonderful job, and has continued the tradition of the two editors before her of improving NorthVIEW. She leaves it in better shape, financially, aesthetically, and with better distribution service. And don’t you love all the photos?

When you see Teresa, please join me in congratulating her on a job (without pay, mind you) extremely well done!

Thank you, Teresa, and good luck, Nicole!

Chuck Hart is a single father of three and a longtime contributor to NorthVIEW.
ICOAA Spotlight
On the Road with The Denali Black Diamond of the North

Hi, it's H.M.I.M. The Denali Black Diamond of the North Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III.

Well, I'm home for a bit yeeaaah! San Francisco was great! The 40th Anniversary Coronation was a great success. We had the Alaska Party for them and raised $2,000 for the newly elected Emperor XXXIV John Richard and Empress 40 'Tiger Lilly for their travel fund. They'll be up for our Coronation this coming Labor Day weekend and it should be a great time.

Seattle...it was great as well. They used a different format, but it went well. I did the Alaska Party there and we raised $1,300 for their Promotional fund. A great time was had by all. This month I rest, but I'll be back out amongst the out of state courts in April - NYC, Denver, Vancouver WA, busy busy busy...

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Memorial Day Picnic at Eklutna from noon-5pm. Volleyball, horse shoes, egg toss, balloon toss, and a lot more.

It's been a great first six months and there's a lot more to follow, so stay tuned. Thanks to you all for your support.

Sincerely,
H.M.I.M.
The Denali Black Diamond of the North
Emperor XXXII Of All Alaska
Jacob Lawrence III

H.M.I.M. Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III (third from left) with fellow monarchs in San Francisco.

Empress XXIX Joani LaChoy (right) hosted the ICOAA Sweetheart Ball Feb. 12 at Mad Myrna’s. The annual event raised funds for the S.T.A.R. (Standing Together Against Rape) program. Empress XIII Misty Dawn and Empress XXIX Joani LaChoy with friends Gene, April and Mike.
Day of Silence – Night of Noise!

Local Gay-Straight Alliance club representatives met at UAA during the school day for the second time this year on Feb. 25 to share ideas about club activities, get to know one another, and put their creativity and good spirits to work. The event was sponsored by the local chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network).

Two dozen youth and four teachers discussed what local clubs can do individually and area-wide in celebration of Day of Silence, to be held April 13, 2005. They also chose a theme, arranged for music, and coordinated decorations for what is certain to be the best Pride Prom yet. One of the key decisions made by the youth: Pride Prom will be held April 16 this year, as a ‘night of noise’ celebration to follow Day of Silence.

It was a privilege to be in the room with these creative, spirited young people. GLSEN salutes the youth and teachers who have worked hard to help build GSAs and, in doing so, help make the climate in our local schools more supportive of all our youth.

And the Pride Prom theme? Fairy Tales!

Mary Parker
GLSEN Board Member
(marymparker@yahoo.com)

What is the Day of Silence?

The Day of Silence is a day in which people of all sexual orientations and gender identities who support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights take a vow of silence. The event is intended to recognize and protest the silence that LGBT people face each day, and offer tools with which to end the silence. The 2005 Day of Silence will be held April 13th.

Participants pass out cards that state their reasons for not speaking (see below). At the end of the silence, participants can host a series of follow-up events to educate their communities on how to keep the silence from continuing. Many GSAs (Gay-Straight Alliance) have organized around the Day of Silence as a way of raising awareness and fighting homophobia in schools.

Day of Silence participants pass out cards which read as follows:

Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The day of silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. What can you do to end the silence?
Lost Prophet

No, I'm not preoccupied with African American gay people, but I just happened to run into another great biography — like the one on Audre Lorde from last month's review — and I saw no reason to wait for several months to share it.

So, what do you know about Bayard Rustin? Sadly, most of you will likely hunch your shoulders and give a blank stare. And even worse is that those who think they are somewhat knowledgeable of the Civil Rights Movement may still not know who Rustin is. He was only the key strategic planner of the landmark March on Washington in 1963, in which Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. The reason you likely have never heard of him is that Bayard Rustin was gay. And his life story is laid out beautifully in Lost Prophet (Free Press, 2003) by gay historian John D’Emilio.

Born in 1912, Bayard Rustin had a somewhat atypical upbringing for an African American at that time, being raised in West Chester, Pennsylvania and steeped in Quakerism. It was a key ingredient in launching his lifelong career of nonviolent civil disobedience — even before the Civil Rights Movement began. Rustin was not at all shy about challenging a lot of the local segregation norms in his hometown as a teen — always pushing the envelope.

Shortly after leaving college, he joined the pacifist organization Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). As a consequence, during World War II he refused to serve in the military, and, because of his pacifism, he spent the time in prison. But he constantly challenged the segregationist policies within the prison and was also — and unbelievably — not shy about being gay. In short, he was his jailer’s worst nightmare and he often was on the receiving end of brutality because of this.

Rustin was arrested for lewd behavior in Pasadena, California, in 1953 and, because of it, his relationship with FOR ended. The lewd behavior had to do with gay sex, and this was the McCarthy era, and the folks who ran FOR may have been progressives, but they had absolutely no understanding of homosexuality. Soon, however, Rustin was hired by the War Resister’s League, allowing his pacifist activities to continue.

However, the Civil Right Movement was just getting started, too, and Rustin’s expertise was critical when he went to Birmingham, Alabama and helped Martin Luther King, Jr. with the bus boycott. Indeed, over the next several years Rustin and King were close and Rustin became a key player in the movement. But by 1960 some opponents of Rustin — particularly, Adam Clayton Powell — made it clear to King that unless he dropped Rustin, they would make trouble. This was clearly homophobia at work, and, unfortunately, King agreed.

However, when the idea of the March of Washington was just in the formative stages, one of the Civil Right Movement’s icons, A. Philip Randolph, made it clear that the only person who had the expertise to pull something like that off was Bayard Rustin. Although Randolph was forced to make Rustin his ‘assistant’ rather than the person in charge — which was what he truly was — Rustin rose to the occasion and the March on Washington (at which Rustin spoke) was a huge success.

In the last quarter century of his life — he died in 1987 at the age of 75 — Rustin finally found a partner, Walter Naegle, and apparently their relationship was a loving one.

Gale Smoke teaches Sociology 387: Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles at UAA. You can reach him at glsmoke@alaska.net.
How to Travel on a Budget

People who rely on a travel agent to handle flight and lodging itineraries, cruises, entertainment, and adventures forget that the travel agent is only a person in the middle who charges fees and gets paid commission.

Of course, to avoid the hassle and invest in your agent might be an option. However, going your own way, avoiding a middle man, being your own travel agent and firing your old one will save you thousands of dollars. All you need is a computer with Internet access. (If you don’t have one, you can use a computer at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, the public library, or an Internet café.)

Being your own agent couldn’t be easier. If you don’t have a clue where to start, you might want to type “travel” in your search engine. A few seconds later, the whole world is in front of you. Also, your destination can be a helpful start as well.

The most popular Internet travel sites are Travelocity, Orbitz, Hotwire, Expedia, and for students, Studentuniverse.com and Travelzoo.com. You can find special offers on flights, hotels, and cruises, make reservations, print itineraries, and research sightsseeing and activities.

If you decide to give it a try, here are a few tips.

Tip #1. Plan your travel ahead. Look into flight and hotel reservations six months to a year in advance. Travelocity offers a “Fare-watcher” link where you can request certain destinations at a certain price on certain dates. As soon as the fare becomes available, Travelocity automatically sends you an e-mail.

Tip #2. If your dates are flexible, try Priceline.com where you name your own price for airfares, hotel stays and car rentals. The only disadvantage is that you can’t pick your airline, hotel or car rental agency. Major domestic airlines and hotels accept your offered price. You might get a good deal and save 40 to 70 percent.

Tip #3. Do your homework on-line. Research major attractions, or look beyond the usual to research your own hobbies and interests. Look at competitive prices and then call tour guides to see if they offer the same thing.

Tip #4. Avoid traveling with groups. Choose an active adventure with your family instead of joining the cruise. You’ll experience the scenery, see more, and save money.

Tip #5. Frequent flyer programs are great for earning free travel. Every airline offers ways to get miles. By getting an airline credit card, you automatically earn five to fifteen thousand miles, depending on the airline. Long distance companies and Internet providers, car rentals, hotels, retail and grocery stores and financial institutions all offer ways to earn miles.

To prove my point, I made a few travel plans and reservations. I need to travel to Chicago in May. As usual, I made an itinerary for a 7-day trip to Chicago 6 to 7 months in advance. I compared prices from Anchorage to Chicago. Travelocity had the highest price at $458. Expedia offered a fare of $429. Orbitz and Hotwire were both $392.

After offering my own price on Priceline.com, it was accepted by Delta at $288 plus tax for the roundtrip from Anchorage to Chicago.

After printing my itinerary, I tried the same with a hotel. Unfortunately, my lowest offer was not accepted by Priceline. After comparing rates and places by location, I found a good deal on Hotwire.com at a major hotel for $60 a night. So a flight and hotel totaled $708 plus tax.

I figured I don’t need a car in Chicago. The best way to get around is by bus or train. A one-week pass for the Chicago Transit Authority is $20. It is better to get a transit pass instead of spending $1.75 each trip.

If I type “Chicago” in my browser, the search engine will show me major city attractions, as well as information on prices and an offer to get a City Pass for $37.50 (total savings of about
GENE RACHINSKY

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$60) which includes five points of interest: Hancock Tower Observation Deck, Shedd Aquarium, Chicago Art Museum, Field's Museum and the Museum of Science and Technology. That's plenty for a 7-day visit.

If you are interested in seeing a show, you can get tickets for same-day shows for half price at the Visitor Center's Hot Tix office. The center gives advice on what is worth seeing and they provide free trolley around town and a booklet with coupons.

Total cost of the trip came to about $855. That included airfare, hotel and all taxes, a CTA pass and a City Pass. For the shows, food and extras, I’d grab another $200. Shopping is optional.

After calling a travel agent and requesting an estimate for approximately the same itinerary at a travel agency, I was stunned: airfare at $518 plus tax plus agency fee, hotel for 7 days at $129 per night plus tax plus agency fee. The agency tried to convince me that I need a rental car at $61 per day and about $180 for the same attractions and one show at the theater. The total came to approximately $2,234. Food is not included. Forget shopping.

By being my own travel agent, I saved $1,400. I had fun playing with my itinerary and developing the trip. Travel doesn't have to be expensive. There are always ways around the full price. Fire your travel agent and never pay a rack rate for anything, ever.

Gene Rachinsky is a contributing freelance writer, recent graduate of Roosevelt University, and newly wed to partner, Kurt Hillyer.

An Old Friend, A New Name

“Celebrating the Transgendered” was the theme of the March 6 service at Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. Rev. Johnathan Jones offered a moving message called “Is Being Transgendered My God Given Destiny?” The message was followed by the baptism and renaming of Cameron Victor Bonham.

Editor’s Note: My warmest wishes to Cameron as he embarks on an exciting journey and to his partner Barbara for her courage and confidence in supporting him on this journey.
JUST

THE SCARS THAT HE BEARS
WILL FOREVER BE THERE,
BUT IT'S JUST A REMINDER
OF THE STRUGGLES
HE'S BEEN THROUGH.

NO ONE TO BLAME,
NO ONE TO CHANGE,
IT'S JUST HOW IT IS,
IT'S HIS STORY,
HIS FATE.

IN A PERFECT WORLD
IN A PERFECT PLACE,
HE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MAN
HE WAS BORN TO BE.

YET YOU TRY TO JUDGE,
AND YOU TRY TO CHANGE HIM,
BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE AWAY THE MAN
HE WAS INTENDED TO BE,
THE MAN IN HIS BRAIN.

NOW YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR
AND JUSTIFY.
ARE YOU CONTENT
WITH WHAT YOU SEE
ON THE INSIDE AND OUT?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES,
THEN YOU CAN FEEL REALLY BLESSED,
BECAUSE FOR SOME OF US
LOOKING IN THE MIRROR
MAKES NO SENSE.

YET YOU THINK WE ARE A SIN
AND YOU THINK THAT WE LIE,
WHEN WE TRY DESPERATELY TO MATCH
THE OUTSIDE WITH THE INSIDE.

JUST LOOK INSIDE YOUR HEART
AND ASK YOURSELF THIS,
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DEATHS,
WHY ALL THOSE AWFUL HATE CRIMES?

IS THAT NOT A SIN?
IS THAT NOT A CRIME?
IS THAT WHAT GOD INTENDED,
FOR HIS CHILDREN TO CRY
AND BE BEATEN AND MURDERED?

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
CAN'T YOU PLAINLY SEE,
WE WERE BORN TO HELP YOU,
TO SET YOU FREE.

TO HELP YOU REALIZE
HOW LUCKY YOU ARE,
THAT YOU ARE WHOLE AND COMPLETE
BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

SO ALL THAT WE ASK
IS TO PLEASE LET US BE,
AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE
TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

HEAR OUR CRIES, FEEL OUR PAIN
WE WANT TO BE WHOLE,
AND FEEL NOT ASHAMED.
WE YEARN DESPERATELY TO BE,
JUST THE SAME.

Mark Angelo Cummings is a registered nutrition counselor
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39. You can reach Mark at
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Metro Music & Book Store  
530 E. Benson Blvd., 258-8774

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

Here’s where you can find the NorthVIEW.
On February 12 the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage celebrated its third successful year of operation. Members of the community gathered at the GLCCA to share refreshments and enjoy the clever quips of auctioneer Shelly Wozniak during a live auction. The event raised nearly $5,000 to benefit the GLCCA and other Identity programs that support Alaska’s GLBTA communities.

GLCCA manager Phyllis Rodes and the Identity Board of Directors extends a warm thank you to all who attended and helped make the day a success!
Phyllis Rhodes

Adopt-A-Day!
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1st  Doran Vaughan & Steven Jacquier
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3rd  Jamie Elswick for Phyllis & the GLCCA Staff—
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4th  Teresa McPherson
5th  FULL CIRCLE Fans and Friends
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8th  Rae Amo
10th Colleen Morris for September Marie's birthday
12th Victor Carlson
13th Victor Carlson
14th Jan Hansen
14th Tim Pearson & Brian Chen for Valentine's Day
15th Terri Anderson for Nance & Terri's anniversary
16th Michael French for Mark & Michael's 17th
     anniversary
18th Chris Pearson honoring Phyllis Rhodes
19th Jim Bruce
20th Jen Kohout & Karen Konopacki celebrating
     Tony's 70th
26th Bobby Winn

Think of some wonderful person or event to recognize and adopt a day at the GLCCA. We have some wonderful new staff members. Come by to say "hello" and take a book home!

You too can adopt a day at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage for only $50. What a great way to honor your friend's birthday or anniversary. Help us keep your center's doors open in 2005!

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Phyllis Rodes,
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Nightly  Helpline for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-901-9876

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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., 566-1913

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 (4As), 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 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 Arctic Ave., 561-9744

Sunday Dinner, 5-8 PM, Mad Myma's, 276-9762 (Jim)

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Send new and updated listings to
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Fairbanks Events

Tue  PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday. 604 Barnett 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, 907-798-6157 (Marsha)

Sat  PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room
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@akclu.org.

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 intersexual 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, transgender, and intersex 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 Women’s Political Caucus. Open to all women. 7pm, first Wednesday. Elmer’s Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

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

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

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. bsara@geci.net

Fairbanks Gay Youth Group. 907-457-3524 (leave message for more information).

The Family (a UAA Student Club), hosts discussion groups, potlucks, and various other social, political, and awareness activities. You DO NOT have to be a UAA student to attend. Many that do attend UAA are non-traditional students. www.aaa.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, 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).

The Gay Club (a UAF student organization), c/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-5011 (Freda Kilman@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. PO. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT. www.identityinc.org

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA), 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.icoaa.org

IMR2U, 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-IMR2U(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 Leivi/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. TLFMPC, P.O. Box 202054, Anchorage, AK 99502-2054, 907-338-3862, info@tlfmc.com www.tlfmc.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC), a predominately gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered Christian church where ALL are welcome to worship in 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; rosebethlevmo@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@gi.com

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). Straight spouses support group meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

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. sitkapflag@yahoo.com

PrideFest Steering Committee of Identity plans and presents the annual Anchorage Gay Pride Week events in June. Meetings start in Sept. The committee invites and welcomes corporate and individual sponsors, parade entries, entertainers, volunteers, and more. 907-929-GLBT prideontheplanet@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, 907-478-AIDS (2437).

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

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

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

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

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michael2001@gi.com or michael2001@palm.net, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskagaydiscussion

Alaska GLBT News, a weekly 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: alaskagbtnews@yahoo.com

Anchorage Pride, a mailing list for information concerning Anchorage & Southcentral Alaska's GLBT community. http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/anchoragepride

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

Grizl List, a mailing list for the Women’s Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. Grizllist@gi.com

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

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. 907-261-7737.

The Perspective, a newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskans. 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 99708-045-PFLAG.
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