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VIEW from the Top

When I Grow Too Old To Dream

In 1996, I was working as a traveling nurse in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. While there, I became friends with a respiratory therapist by the name of Paula Hyatt who was from Jamaica. One day we took a trip to South Beach and visited a Holocaust Memorial there. It was the first time that I had ever been to such a memorial and the effect of walking through it was memorable and haunting. At the beginning of it was a quote by Anne Frank etched in marble that I have often thought about over the past few years. The quote reads: “Then, in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.” At the core of this quote is a truth that I have always wanted to believe in, the idea that most people are “good at heart.”

In this issue, some of our writers have looked at the idea of Gay Marriage. At this time in our country, there seems to be many people who would wish to deny us of this. It’s not that everyone wants to deny us of the right to be together, but a very vocal contingent has the ears of our elected leaders and often demonizes us. All of us—gays, lesbian, bisexuals, the transgendered, and our allies—have to find ways to show that we are not the devils that some would wish to portray us as being. I wish that I had all the answers as to how we can do this, but I do not. I know that for me, I try to show the people that I work with and the people that I know that I am a person with some of the same concerns and wishes that they have. It’s just that I want to share those concerns and wishes with another woman.

Recently, a friend of mine in Fredericksburg, Virginia sent me a DVD of a short documentary that she had made titled “Barbara and Tibby: A Love Story in the Face of Hate.” My friend’s name is Suzanne Moe. She and her partner Gaye Adegbalola, who is a member of the blues group Saffire-The Uppity Blues Women, have lived for many years in Fredericksburg, which is about 45 minutes south of Washington, D.C.

In 1997, Virginia’s legislative body passed a law called “The Affirmation of Marriage Act” which prohibited any same-sex marriage. The act also said that any same-sex marriage from another jurisdiction would be void in Virginia. A similar law was passed in Alaska in 1998. Then in 2004, the Virginia legislature passed HB 751 which reads: “A civil union, partnership contract or other arrangement between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges or obligations of marriage is prohibited. Any such civil union, partnership contract or other arrangement entered into by persons of the same sex in another jurisdiction shall be void in all respects in Virginia and any contractual rights created thereby shall be void and unenforceable.”

Suzanne’s friends Barbara and Tibby are a couple who have been together for almost 40 years, much of that time has been spent living in Virginia. In 2001, Barbara was diagnosed with a cerebral aneurysm. While operable, the depth of the aneurysm was such that the risks of any procedure were very grave, and so Barbara decided against an operation. Afterwards, she and Tibby took legal steps to take care of each other should the worse happen, such as wills, powers of attorney and advance medical directives. However, with the passage of HB 751, all of those legal steps became null and void. So with heavy hearts, they decided that they needed to move from their longtime home and go to a state where such draconian measures were not in place. When Suzanne was informed of their decision by email, she was heartbroken. After a few days, Suzanne decided to do something about it.

Though she had no previous experience as a filmmaker, Suzanne set about producing and directing a documentary about her friends, their life and love, and how one law has had such a radical affect on their life. Barbara and Tibby never wanted to be gay rights advocates, they just wanted to grow old together. Suzanne has crafted a film about love, in the face of hate and prejudice. It is a film that everyone should see because if it happened in one state, and this law survives legal challenges, then other states could follow suit, even Alaska.

“Barbara and Tibby: A Love Story in the Face of Hate” is available on DVD through Suzanne’s website at www.sumoe.com/other_art/lovestory.html and while there you can read what the latest updates are about the documentary and the effect that it has been having. This is an important story to share and discuss. Screenings are currently being arranged throughout the country. Contact me if you would like to help set up a screening and discussion event in your community.

Until next month, this is Nicole Blizzard wishing you all the best.

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Being single, you would think that same sex marriage doesn’t cross my mind very often. You would be wrong. Every time I see a state or local government somewhere in the lower 48 consider offering civil unions or domestic partnerships as a pacifier to our community I become angrier. My anger is based in the fact that the majority gets to decide which rights to give us, the minority. When Exclusion From Marriage Amendments come to the ballot, gay voters are disenfranchised as our votes are outnumbered by nine mainstream society votes to our one by the simple fact of nature that only (roughly) 10% of the population is born gay. So far the majority has been as malignantly heartless as it is possible to be. This is a perfect example of “the tyranny of the majority,” where the majority rules without fairness to the minority.

There would be outrage in mainstream society if a vote was proposed to decide whether or not people with green eyes could own and operate automobiles. Somehow the outrage vanishes when the issue is whether or not gay people can marry. I think some of the voters read the question as, “Do you want to have a same sex marriage yourself?” I am sure other voters think that by prohibiting same sex marriage they will prevent their children from turning out to be gay. Then there is the crowd occupying various political churches who believe that by not letting Bill and Ted marry they will keep Susie and Frank married (in spite of his affairs, and her drinking). The sad thing is that these churches are frequently operated by individuals who see raising the gay demon as a way to do phenomenal fundraising, and sadly it works. This stupidity would be funny if it were not so damaging to us.

November of 1998 taught me how much hate there is in Alaska. We used to pride ourselves (in the 1960’s and 1970’s) on minding our own business and letting the other guy mind his. Government did not try to micromanage our lives then. The immigrants of the late 1970’s to the late 1990’s have outnumbered us old timers. I wish they’d left their pig-headed, mean-spirited, ways at the border.

Ours is not the greatest nation on Earth. It is the most powerful, and uses that power to help, but also to crush people all over the planet including us, its citizens, its daughters and sons. To be the greatest nation on Earth, the United States would have to develop compassion for, among others: the disenfranchised, the uninsured, the unemployed, the hungry and the homeless.

We aren’t asking any clergy to perform a ceremony they feel goes against their beliefs. All that we want, all that we ask is the legal marriage certificate and the nearly two thousand rights that go with it, nothing extra, and nothing special. Please, sir, may we have some more?

Chuck Hart is a single father of three and long-time contributor to NorthView.
ICOAA Spotlight
News & Events from The Imperial Court of All Alaska

Millinery Madness 2005
Greetings from Scott Turner, Denali Emperor 31 of All Alaska.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated Millinery Madness once again to raise money for the Imperial Court of All Alaska and the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association. Although it snowed all day, many hardy folks showed up and helped us raise $900!!! I'd like to take a moment to thank you all!

First and foremost, The Raven and Staff for always being willing to let me do something crazy in their bar to raise money and to Larry Kaiser for being patient and not killing me (ha ha ha), love ya, Larry!

- Bob Comeau & Kristopher
- Scott Stroud for keeping them drinking and happy!
- Herman Coen (it would not have happened without your help)
- CJ Willoya (also for not killing me that day! I LOVE you baby!)
- Emperor 32 HMIM Jake Lawrence (you ROCK)
- Empress 32 HMIM Kristara (have another cupcake!)
- Grand Duke 4 & Grand Duchess 4 Ken & Paula
- Empress 31 Vicki Evans (thanks for the posters, Sister Mary!)
- ICP 13 Joe McDermott (the ONLY one to wear a bonnet — it WAS a contest, too! LOL)
- My co-workers at the Four A's for putting up with me when I do these things!
- AND our awesome donors:
- Flights of Fancy - Mary (donated 3 baskets, LOVE ya!!!)
- Every Bloomin' Thing - Malcolm & Jerry (Thanks guys!!!)

- The Last Frontier Men's Club
- Alaska Flower Shop
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And thanks to ALL who helped me or bid on or bought items, it's impossible to do these things without YOUR help. You're the ones who really make a difference, we just organize a platform for you to do it!

Thanks for making it FUN!
Scott Turner, Denali Emperor 31 of All Alaska

A Renaissance Affair
The ICOAA Board of Directors and Court members are pleased to announce our new Imperial Crown Prince and Princess XIII. Marikita is the new Imperial Crown Princess and Joe McDermott is Imperial Crown Prince. Both have been in the community for awhile now and are serving it well.

Marikita and Joe were voted in at the March 26 ICP Ball: A Renaissance Affair, held at Mad Myrna's show lounge. The event was hosted by former ICPs Joseph and Mary Bess.

A good time was had by all!!!!!!

H.M.I.M.
The Denali Black Diamond of the North
Emperor XXXII
Jacob Lawrence III

Grand Duchess
Daphne Do-All
LaChores interviews ICP candidates Joe & Marikita prior to their ascension at the ICP Ball March 26.

Identity congratulates new Imperial Crown Princess Marikita and Imperial Crown Prince Joe McDermott and wishes you both a successful reign!
“Gay Underground” Author Releases New Book

I first had the pleasure of “meeting” Eric Durchholz a few years ago when he had a radio show on radio.gaycams.org and I have never seen the world the same way again. In the chat room of the Radio Gaycams hosts, listeners had the opportunity to converse with the host as well as other listeners. Eric can best be described as being fun loving and gregarious, but watch out if he hears you being disingenuous. He has no patience for the “gay party line” and isn’t afraid to tell you if he thinks you are full of it. In my humble opinion, this attitude is a refreshing change from the “please everybody, offend nobody” fluff that is so common in today’s mainstream gay media.

Durchholz, who has previously written two other books best described as being from the “gay underground,” (self published, without the content constraints mandated by the big publishing houses) has published a new book, Inversion.

In an e-mail to me, Eric describes Inversion this way: “INVERSION” is a post-apocalyptic vision of the afterlife in which Heaven and Hell have been destroyed after God abandoned it for a new creation. It deals with characters who believe in nothing. They have their spiritual void shattered by demons and other creatures who are flooding the Earth searching for a way out of the realms God created for them. Most of the characters are gay or bisexual and discover that being gay is a way of transcending the original fleshly design.

Demons have infiltrated Evangelical Christianity and seek to enslave the Earth via puppets across America. Xenectra, the last goddess on Earth, fights demons and rogue Angels to create order out of chaos. Rotharique, an ambitious demon, fights to open a portal to Earth and the planets beyond, by saving suicide victims from a gruesome eternity. He returns them to life with powers that serve his ends.

Durchholz is known for his politically incorrect, yet not outwardly offensive writing style. His book The Promise of Eden (Concrete Books, 1999, ISBN 0967029708) is one of my favorite books of all time. It tells the story of a young boy who is raised more by a kindly spirit who lives in his home rather than his indifferent parents. When the spirits hidden agenda is revealed, it is an out-of-this-world experience. The book ends with a unique lesson about our materialistic society. Powerfully written and what I consider a true classic.

His book of poetry, Just Publish Some of my Poetry ‘Fore I Die, (Concrete Books, 2001, ISBN 0967029724) is a hilarious collection that takes a humorous swipe at various racial stereotypes. Not for the easily offended, but then if it were, what would be the point?

Eric Durchholz lives in Tennessee with his partner Matthew. For anyone interested in the new book or in Eric’s previous works, go to www.concrete7.com and anything you want to know about the book or about Durchholz in general is right there. An autographed copy of Inversion can be bought on this site. His earlier works can be bought in quality, used condition from Amazon.com
Sheltered in my middle-class upbringing, I didn’t discover the Beats (or the beatnik writers) until college, in the 1960s. However, they began to make an impact on American culture in the 1950s, challenging the conventional Middle American, suburban cultural life. Some of the more famous Beat writers, and their works were: Jack Kerouac’s *On the Road*, William Burroughs’ *The Naked Lunch*, and Allen Ginsberg’s poem “Howl.” I devoured all of them—and much more—and I always felt that their works rang true to me. They seemed gay, and many of the Beats were gay or bisexual—and they were truly the forerunners, in a cultural sense, to the Hippies and the gay rights movement.

And, finally, this point is made in an edited work by Regina Marler’s entitled *Queer Beats: How the Beats Turned America On to Sex* (Cleis, 2004).

I’d never heard of Marler before, and she’s simply described as a writer who still lives the Beat Life in San Francisco. Nonetheless, I was impressed with the two-hundred pages of excerpts she put together from the premier beats—Kerouac, Burroughs and Ginsberg—as well as many others—such as Vidal, Huncke, Cassady, Bowles and so forth. Passages from books and poems, as well as excerpts from interviews, are included from the 1950s through the 1990s. She captures the spontaneity, the energy and raw candidness of writers and poets who were truly queer, in the modern sense, challenging conventionality and complacency and definitely stepping over the line into ‘non-respectable’ society.

And it doesn’t matter that some of the Beats shunned the queer identity—Kerouac was actually rather homophobic as he grew more conservative toward the end of his life, but he still engaged in his share of same-sex behavior and used a ‘first draft’, spontaneous writing style—that is, in *On the Road* and *Dharma Bums*—captured the ‘beat’ spirit, beautifully. Many others were gay and/or bisexual, such as Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs. It is also rather fitting that the least politically correct beat—William Burroughs—had the most cultural influence among intellectuals and academicians in more recent times.

As I’ve mentioned in past reviews, I think it is important for queer people to understand the history behind where we are today, and I also think that grasping where gay rights connects with other important movements is extremely important.

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Cheating in the Family: Good or Evil?

Often, when we suspect our spouse of cheating, we try to investigate the case to the bottom line. Then we want to know everything about our rival, thinking that if we could be just like them, our spouse will come back to us. With time we are losing our own image, style, and most importantly, our personality and self. We forget that a copy will never be as good as an original. Cheating turns into a crack in the family relations. If our spouse is looking for fun on the side, it means that he or she is not happy with our behavior.

Cheating is one of the main reasons that families fall apart and most of them don’t survive even 2 years. Over 1,160,000 divorces were registered in the U.S. in 2003. That is 3.8 per 1000 of population, with lowest divorce rate in Massachusetts: 2.1; and highest in Nevada: 9. About 30% of the divorces happened due to cheating.

Who has a harder time surviving a cheating, men or women? There are no winners here. It is hard for both men and women. I had my fair share of tears when it happened and it wasn’t easy. Everybody is afraid of betrayal. Therefore, the first reaction is rather extreme. Some of us think about revenge, break up, even suicide. However, feeling failure, irreversible loss and being depressed are not going to help you get out of the situation.

It is important to handle it well and deal with the fact that the cheating happened. One has to remain calm and not take any extreme steps in the situation. Try not to be alone. Talk to a person you know and trust. If you chose not to, find a therapist or other specialist who would be willing to talk to you. Take some of the responsibility for what has occurred on yourself. It might not feel right at first but analyze the motives which could lead a partner to such a thing. Don’t fight. Discuss calmly without blaming each other what is the decision about future life or arrangement going to be. Do not lose your self-esteem or you will develop an inferiority complex. Take care of yourself first. Do what you like, entertain yourself, take yourself out to meet some interesting people, for crying out loud.

Now it is time to decide if there are future and happiness left for your family after cheating. Regardless that 90% of the families had cheating in their history most of them remained together. If people love each other enough, they can forgive. It is important to forgive sincerely and not remind each other about the past.

“Occasional” cheating often lead to divorces as well. They happen usually when one of the spouses travels, mostly for business. Behavior of such a person is often determined by unconscious forces which submit/serve to his or her satisfaction. Well that’s Freud. Cheating is cheating. However some people consider these affairs useful: they distract from everyday busy life; give one energy, just enough till the next trip; make one believe in his or her abilities and some consider it finding a second youth.

Every coin has two sides. And some people indeed think that cheating helps their family relationship. It gives them positive emotions and energy, brings up their mood, reassurance in possibilities and future, brings them success in different aspects of life and delivers fresh air in their atmosphere of everyday life, making their family life stronger, more diverse and intimately different and complete.

Every cheating is still a cheating. It is a disturbing event when one of the spouses has his or her own motivating reasons and circumstances to go “on the side.” Sadly, in reality, it is an absence of an emotional connection between spouses that makes one of the spouses cheat. Or is it?

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Fetish Ball 2005

Hooray for the Fetish Ball! It was a wild night at Mad Myrna’s, filled with a fashion show from The Look, demonstrations from Kinksters Local 69, and music by FULL CIRCLE. The Fetish Ball raised money for both the Identity HelpLine and the GLCCA Adopt-A-Day programs to the tune of $1,200!

Our thanks go out to The Head Diva herself, Melba Cooke, who is the founder and organizer of the Fetish Ball, as well as Mad Myrna’s, Teddy Bear, Kinksters Local 69, The Look and The Hole Look.

Please support the events and businesses that support us!
—Victoria Shaver

"Freak Show" Fabulous Fun

The 21st Annual Celebration of Change blew in to the Loussac Library Saturday, April 9.

Minutes before show time, the lobby outside the Wilda Marston Theatre was packed with cool women of every shape and flavor: friendly vendors, cute candy girls in short skirts, musicians, performers, and lotsa women holding hot pink Celebration tickets. Then the doors opened and in they spilled for another year of Celebration, sponsored by Radical Arts for Women (RAW).

The theme of Celebration of Change 2005 was inspired by the words and music of Ani DiFranco’s song “Freakshow” from her 1999 album To the Teeth:

“Life in the circus ain’t easy,
but the folks on the outside don’t know
the tent goes up and the tent comes down
and all they see is the show...
welcome to the freakshow.”

This year’s event again featured a tightly run show with each performer making the most of her seven minutes on stage. Rotating emcees added a touch of the unexpected between acts. The show included music, comedy, incredible dance numbers, and one strip act. Ok, slight exaggeration...

Phyllis Rhodes, director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, was offered a donation in exchange for the Alaska Pride T-shirt she was wearing. So Phyllis and emcee Rachel Hollander turned the offer into an impromptu auction and literally sold the shirt off her back for an unbelievable $500. The high bidder claimed the tee on stage before an appreciative audience. “Hey, it pays the rent!” [at the GLCCA], Phyllis explained.

A tip 'o the hat to Freak Show Steering Committee:
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- Kenna Bates (artwork) & Nancy Wallace (web site)

Show volunteers: Lisa Parker (sound), Kelly Simon (lights), Erin McKechnie & Amber Frankenburger (candy girls), Heather Caldwell & Mary Crosby (ushers), and Maria Linger, Donna Moody, Donna Nelson & Star Laughton (stage helpers)
BREAST HEALTH: The Power is in Your Hands!

Ann Marie Sack, YWCA Anchorage Women’s Health Outreach

It has often been said that lesbian women are at greater risk for developing breast cancer. Is this true?

Well, the truth of the matter is that all women are at risk for developing breast cancer regardless of sexual orientation, race, religion etc. There are numerous risk factors associated with breast cancer. The two biggest risk factors include being female and aging.

It is also true that the more risk factors a woman has the more her chances for developing breast cancer increase. Being gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and or transgendered is not in itself a risk factor. We must be critical of research when it says otherwise. For example, Raine Mackay, Vancouver Women’s Health Collective, makes an excellent point in saying that, “Researchers go where people can be visible and out, and that’s in the bars. That’s not necessarily representational of the whole lesbian community.”

So what are the other risk factors associated with breast cancer? An article taken from the December/January 2005 issue of Girlfriends, titled, “Dykes in Danger,” gives a thorough explanation of the risks which include:

“...genetic factors, such as an incidence of breast cancer in close female relatives, and “lifestyle” factors. These latter risks vary: nine or more drinks per week, lack of exercise, and excess body fat all qualify as high-risk factors.

One of these risks, high levels of body fat, increases the levels of estrogen in a woman’s body. High levels of estrogen have a strong correlation to breast cancer. The theory is that the monthly cycle of rising and falling estrogen and progesterone that occurs during menstruation results in a continual proliferation of breast cells, which increases the possibility of cell mutation and the growth of a solitary cancer cell. In other words, every time a woman’s breasts get larger during her period, there’s a chance that a cancer cell could form. Women who skip childbirth and women with more estrogen simply have more periods than women who bear children and women with less estrogen. Thus, when menstrual cycles are shortened, interrupted, or eliminated altogether, the incidence of breast cancer drops (Smedman & Tryggsvason, 2005).”

What is most tragic and completely unjust for gays, lesbian, bi-sexuals and transsexuals are the barriers to receiving adequate healthcare. Many people do not have health insurance and/or their health insurance provides extremely limited coverage. Other barriers include finding a healthcare provider that you can trust and be completely open with regarding your personal, family, sexual and medical history.

The mission of the Women’s Health Program at the YWCA Anchorage is to eliminate the barriers keeping women from accessing the routine health care that they need and deserve! Please call us anytime, any day at the YWCA Women’s Health program and tell us what may be keeping you from getting yearly health exams. We can:

1) see if you qualify for the State of Alaska Breast & Cervical Health Check program. If so, than you may be eligible for a FREE pap, pelvic, and clinical breast exam and mammogram.
2) refer you to a GLBT friendly health care provider, who you can trust with your personal health information.
3) provide transportation to and from your yearly screening appointment.
4) provide health information designed and targeted for lesbians, bi-sexuals, and transgendered persons.
5) and we will respect and support any decision you make regarding your health care.

To learn more about the importance of early detection of breast and cervical cancer and how YWCA Anchorage Women’s Health program can be a resource for you, come to the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA) for a FREE Women’s Health presentation at 6:30 pm, June 9th. There will be door prizes, gift bags, and fun!

Attention all women between ages 40-64!!! Please join us at Mad Myrna’s Wednesday June 29th, 2005 to get a FREE screening mammogram!!

Call the YWCA Anchorage to schedule an appointment for this free mammogram or to sign up to attend the upcoming health presentation at the GLCCA! The YWCA Anchorage Women’s Health program will also have an informational booth at PrideFest.

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My son Jeremy has lived in Phoenix since graduating from college in 1999. He recently moved to Portland and my heart soared. He’s now one reasonably short flight away, but it’s more than that. We talk more often and our conversations are more real than in the past, for some very important reasons.

Immediately after graduation, Jeremy married Amy, his high school/college sweetheart. I think it seemed like the next logical step to him at the time, even though he and his fiancé had evolved into very different people during college. Her family is devout Southern Baptist. Throughout college, they courted and groomed my son to be their idea of the perfect son-in-law. He was swept along by this very traditional family, perhaps because his own was anything but. I remember thinking at the time that he seemed more in love (or infatuated?) with Amy’s family than with Amy.

I attended their wedding in Colorado in June 2000. I returned to Alaska with a heavy heart. I had deep reservations about whether these two were right for each other and whether my son would be happy married to this young woman, but I kept those reservations to myself. Later I wished that I hadn’t.

When my partner Danny and I decided to wed the following year, we invited them both. My daughter-in-law declined the invitation and secretly tried to convince Jeremy not to attend as well. She said it wasn’t a real wedding and that my relationship with Danny was against god’s law (I’m not sure which god she consulted or how he/she would care whom I marry?). Fortunately, Jeremy told her he was going to his mother’s wedding and that was that. He did and it was the beginning of his emotional divorce from his wife and her suffocating and narrow-minded family.

After three difficult years of marriage, my son divorced and began to forge a new identity. Part of that process was determining where he would like to live and work. He researched job opportunities in two major cities he had visited and liked: Portland, OR, and Pittsburgh, PA. I crossed my fingers hard, lit candles, and chanted to every god I could think of (even Amy’s). Then one Sunday in January, he phoned to say he had chosen Portland. Needless to say, I did a happy dance!

He now lives and works in Portland and dates a very kind, very intelligent young woman named Heather who was raised in the Pacific Northwest by progressive parents.

When I talk to my son on the phone these days, his voice isn’t guarded and flat. Instead, he’s happy, alive, warm and friendly. At their invitation, Danny and I visited Jeremy and Heather in Portland in late April, and this fall they plan to visit us in Alaska to hear Danny’s band play at Mad Myrna’s. My son and I are closer than ever. There’s no tension about my choice of marriage partner. Jeremy and I accept and love each other and want only the best for both of us.

Sunday, May 8, will be the happiest Mother’s Day for me yet, because my heart is at peace. I’m proud of my son. He’s strong, intelligent, kind and loving. And that’s the best gift a mother could ask for on Mother’s Day.

Teresa McPherson
lives in Anchorage with her husband Danny and their three cats, and plans to visit Portland often.

Teresa McPherson and son Jeremy, Christmas 2004
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Fairbanks Events

Tue        PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnette 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, 907-479-8680
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

Anchorage Events

Mon        AA Gay, Joyous, and Free, 7 PM, GLCCA
Tues       PFLAG, 7 PM, third Thursday (except November & December), Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 2311 Pembroke St., 566-1813
            SLAA (Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous), 8 PM, 566-1133
            Line dance lessons/dancing, 7-9 PM, Mad Myrna’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 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 (AAAs), Ste. 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, 278-9762 (Jim)

Juneau Events

Wed        Social gathering after work, Summit Lounge
            “Women’s Prerogative,” 9 - 10 PM, KTOO-FM
Fri        Juneau Pride Chorus, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 907-789-6167 (Marsh)
Sat        PFLAG, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, first Saturday, Mendenhall Library Conference Room

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ORGANIZATIONS

Adam and Steve, a social group for young gay, bi, and questioning men. Weekly activities and fun community events. 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 bisexual 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, and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays 7 PM to 8 PM

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 LaVento 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: 907-664-9620 (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. bsarai@sci.net

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

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

Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). The Home of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Individuals and Our Allies. The GLCCA is a safe space to meet, hang out, hold or attend a meeting, or use the resource library or computers. Staffed by trained volunteers 7 days a week, 3 - 9 PM Mondays through Fridays, 12 - 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays. 2110 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Ste 103 (between the Burger Cache & Don Jose’s). 907-929-GLBT; glcca@identityinc.org

Gay & Lesbian HelpLine, an information and referral line sponsored by Identity, Inc. The HelpLine is staffed by volunteers and provides information and referrals to businesses, professionals, and service providers supportive of the goals and objectives of Identity, Inc. 6 - 11 PM daily. If you need information or would like to be a part of this service, please call 907-258-4777 (Anchorage), 888-901-9876 (statewide).

The Gay Club (a UAF student organization), c/o Student Activities Box 4, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99775. 907-474-6507. faugl@uaf.edu, www.uaf.edu/agla

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 Hillman@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/Seminar, 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 (ICOA), sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Elkhana 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

IMRUI, 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-IMRUI 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 Levi/leather/bear community. Brief business meeting & potluck social at 6 PM second Sundays at Mad Myrna's, 530 E. 5th Avenue. “Dinner Night Out” and several campouts are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information and list of community events. TLFMC, 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 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. rosbethlevno@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@gci.net

Out North. Cutting edge art, theatre, film, educational programs, and more. See online calendar. 3800 DeBarr Rd., Anchorage, AK 99508. 907-279-3080. volunteer@outnorth.org www.outnorth.org

PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays). Meetings: 7 PM third Thursdays except November & December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church: 2311 Pembroke St. 907-566-1813 (voicemail). 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 prideomhepark@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 (Soldotna), a group of people with HIV, AIDS, families and friends. 907-262-2589 (Jun).

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

E-MAIL LISTS

Alaska Gay Discussion, providing an opportunity to discuss gay issues relevant to Alaska and a calendar of events. Participation available via website and/or e-mail. For more info contact Michael Haase at michaelh2001@gci.net or michaelh2001@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: alaskaglbtnews@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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Alaska Women Speak, a publication by/for Alaskan women. 907-689-7922.

The Anchorage Press, an alternative weekly paper that is not focused on the GLBT community but is friendly. There is a large personals section. 907-561-7737.

The Perspective, a newsletter published for the Southeast Alaskan. SEAGLA, 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 82200, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-45-PFLAG.
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