GLCCA - NEW HOURS

Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM - All Ages
First and third Saturday:
12-00 - 3:00 PM - 13-19 Year Olds Only
3:00 – 6:00 PM – All Ages
Other Saturdays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM – All Ages
Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM - All Ages

Youth Drop-in Hours at GLCCA

The first and third Saturdays from noon to 3:00 are now reserved for youth 13-19 years old. Youth are invited to drop-in and share in the company and activities. Bring a friend! With the exception of the youth drop-in program volunteers, who have passed a background check, GLCCA will be closed to all adults during youth drop-in time.

NorthView Goes Green

Have you heard? Green is gay (especially in my high school when you wore it on Thursdays). NorthView will now be available via e-mail for those who wish to receive it with a click of the finger versus by snail mail. Help the environment. Help our budget. Identity gets to be more environmentally responsible and you get to see all the pictures in full color! It’s a win-win deal.

All you need to do is send an e-mail to info@identityinc.org and write “Make Mine Green” in the subject line. At the same time NorthView goes out via snail mail, our “green” readers will get an e-mail with a one click link to the latest full color NorthView. Of course, NorthView will still be available for you to pick up at GLCCA and in all the hot spots about town.

Be the first on your block to be gay - go green – save a tree!

2010: A Pride Odyssey

Mark your calendars for PrideFest – a month of Pride events with Identity’s Parade and Park Strip festival on June 26th. Watch for the Pride issue of NorthView or go to http://www.alaskapride.org for more information.

This NorthView is dedicated to those who help!
Those Who Help

Church Life AK

A new church community is growing in Alaska. Church Life AK is currently worshipping in the tradition of home church on Sunday’s at noon. Church Life AK is specifically reaching out to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, curios, and straight allied community. Church Life AK was born out of a desire to have a church home where people need not fear judgment and are encouraged to live their lives to the fullest and to search out their own faiths.

“Church Life AK is a different Christian community,” says founder Rev. Johnathan Jones. “We are not like other churches who claim not to judge but, in fact, do. Our aim is simply to preach God’s love and provide a space where people can grow and truly feel God’s love.”

To contact Reverend Jones or for directions to Sunday services, please send an email to church.life.ak@gmail.com.

Pride Foundation Grant

Woo hoo! A giant gay sparkly thank you to the Pride Foundation which has awarded Identity a $7,500 grant to help with our community center’s operating expenses during this economic downturn. We love the Pride Foundation!

Pride Foundation Strikes Again – Thanks!

At a recent gathering, long time supporters, endowment donors, and others were asked to vote as a group on which non profit organization should receive a no-strings attached $1,000 award from Pride Foundation’s Community Giving. The attendees selected Identity, Inc. to receive the money. Identity is extremely grateful to Pride Foundation and ‘humbly’ proud as peacocks to be chosen.

Anchorage Democrats Donate

In her role as chair of the Anchorage Democrats Community Action Fund, Shirley Rivas presented Identity’s Phyllis Rhodes with a check for $1,200. Ms. Rivas is also Anchorage Regional Vice-chair of the Democratic Party. Thank you very much to Anchorage Democrats for caring and supporting Identity, Inc. We appreciate you.

Pick. Click. Give

Thank you to everyone who donated to identity through Pick. Click. Give. Identity, Inc. received $2400 from the 2009 Pick-Click-Give program. Hopefully, 2010 will be even better!

St. John’s United Methodist Church

A special thank you goes out to St. John’s United Methodist Church who reached out to the GLBT community by donating gifts for GLBT youth. The gifts were distributed at a special Youth Open House at GLCCA. Thank you St. John’s for caring and reaching out in such a positive way to our youth.
A giant thank you and many loud air kisses to Kristara Yum Yum Soup for Kristara in the Raw, the spectacular show she did to benefit GLCCA, our GLBT community center. A price cannot be put on the fun and sense of community had by all at the event, but if we were going to be tactless and do it anyway, we would say that Kristara in the Raw netted $1,449.00 for the community center.

Kristara is a woman of her word. When Kristara lived in Alaska and GLCCA was still in the old location she promised to one day do a fundraiser for it. Not only did she return on her forever young birthday to do a gay-r-8 benefit but says she would like to make it an annual event! Let’s help her make it gay-r-8 every year!

This year so many people helped to make Kristara in the Raw a fantastic event and a successful fundraiser. Thanks and air kisses to all the deliciously divine divas who performed. Thanks with gratitude to Myrna who donated space for the show. Thanks with great appreciation to all the others who contributed their time and efforts to organize the auction, sell tickets, work the door, lights, sound, MC, and so much more. Special thanks from the bottoms of our satisfied stomachs and slightly larger derrieres to Paula Butner and her family and crew who made and served the wonderful food and Kristara’s forever young birthday cake. A giant thank you with dollar signs in our eyes to Cory Crowder who won the 50-50 split the pot and donated his winnings back to GLCCA. You all are wonderful people who help build community.

GRAZE TO RAISE

Eat, Walk, Party for Identity

Friday • May 7, 2010 • 5:30 PM

WHO: You! Join Team Identity!
WHAT: A fun family fundraiser!
DETAILS: We meet at the Dena’ina Center and walk through downtown where we stop at different delicious food stations along the way. We finish back at the Dena’ina Center for the grand finale “WOW EVENT” with dessert, live entertainment, a beer and wine garden, children’s activities, and prize drawings. You must fill out a Charity Walk Registration form and return it to the GLCCA or register on line at www.alaskacharitywalk.org to be part of Team Identity. Additional forms are available at the GLCCA. If you register on line, please call Gayle and Julie (622-6704) to notify us that you are a part of our team. The funds raised by Team Identity will benefit the GLCCA.

DEADLINE: Pledge sheets, money, and registration forms need to be turned into GLCCA (336 E. 5th Avenue • 929-4528 • M-F 3:00-9:00 S-S 12:00-6:00) no later than Monday, May 3 • 3:30 PM.

COST: Minimum donation is $30 per adult and $15 per child; cash, credit card, or checks made out to VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK. Many of our walkers sponsor themselves.

FASHION STATEMENT: You will receive a faaaabulous checkerboard bandana that will entitle you to graze the buffet walk. You can pick up your bib from Gayle and Julie at the Dena’ina Center prior to the graze. We hope you will join our Team Identity family of friends in this walk.

For more information call Gayle or Julie at 622-6704.
This is an interview with RJ, a gay man raised in Anchorage Baptist Temple. RJ agreed to this interview in the hope that sharing his story and what he has experienced and learned will perhaps help others who may be walking a similar path or, at least, let them know they are not alone.

Editor: Let’s start with the basics of your background.

RJ: My grandparents moved to Alaska in the 1950’s. My mother and I were both born here. My grandfather was a minister. My father was a chaplain who worked in the ministry. In my early years, I lived with my father in Talkeetna and did my schooling through a Christian home school program. Our whole family was very involved in church. In the 1990’s, when I was 11, we moved to Anchorage and became very involved with Anchorage Baptist Temple (ABT). My father and step-mother both worked at ABT to offset the school bill as it is really expensive to go there. Both taught Sunday school. Sunday they drove busses to pick up kids for Sunday school. We attended Sunday school in the morning followed by church and church again on Sunday night. On Monday night we had bible study, Tuesday night was visitation, Wednesday we had church and Awanas, a Christian program sort of like the Scouts, Thursday night was prayer meeting, and Friday night was open gym or “Destination Unknown,” a youth activity. And, of course, I had school Monday through Friday. Saturdays we would often go to Reverend Prevo’s house for dinner or meet with other church people. For a long time, I looked up to my father and I looked up to Prevo so much.

Editor: How long did this last?

RJ: I went to ABT through 6th 7th grades and was kicked out in 8th grade.

Editor: What happened in the 8th grade?

RJ: For years I believed everything I was taught. The church was my life. Then, I began to notice and to realize things about the people all around me at ABT and, at the same time, I began to suspect I was gay. I saw so much hypocrisy, too many holes, too much difference between what the church people were teaching me and how there were acting in their own lives. But we were not allowed to talk about it or to question. We had to pretend everything was good. The biggest sin was to question. Instead of providing an answer, they would ask “Why are you being blasphemous?” I began acting out and got kicked out of school several times.

Editor: How was it to realize you were gay, especially since you so looked up to your father, Prevo, and the youth ministers?

RJ: At ABT we were taught anti-gay propaganda. We were taught gay rights are special rights. ABT provides families with an anti-gay “educational” video by Focus on the Family to watch at home. There were also exorcisms which ABT called “demon warfare.” The youth ministers and everybody else were taught this same anti-gay philosophy. I started to realize they were talking about me. The first time I kissed a guy I vomited a day straight over the conflict that it felt so right and I must be a horrible person - the worst thing I can be.

Editor: How were things going at home since your father and step-mother were so involved with ABT?

RJ: The whole gay issue tore me away from my family. There are generations of ministers on my father’s side of the family and to this day they do not speak to me because I am gay. Before I came out, I remember my step-mother telling me that I was so like her brother except that he was gay and I would never be.
One Man’s Journey

It was always made clear that it was not okay to be gay. My whole life began falling apart.

When I was 13 I told my father I did not want to go to ABT church or their school. I told him I would go to church only if I could go to public school. He responded by locking me in my room with a board and nails. I kicked down the door and came flying through it like a hellhound with fists flying at my father. I got arrested for malicious destruction of property and went to McLaughlin for three days, followed by family court, a shelter, and foster care. My whole teenage time was spent bouncing between the Laurel shelter, foster homes, Conventen House, Maplewood, and my mom’s house. I was on probation. Lori Rodriguez was my P.O. and she was a phenomenal case worker.

Editor: Wow. What happened after you were thirteen?

RJ: When I was 14, I came out to my mother. I said, “Mom, I think I’m bi.” She said, “No, honey, I think you’re gay.” Later, she told me she thought I was going to be transgender. She told me I used to dress up with her make-up. My brother was a gay hate monger until I told him. When I was 15, I came out to my father in the Anchorage Daily News when they published a letter I wrote. He called me and asked, “Are you sure?” My step mother said, “No, you’re not gay. You’re just confused.” I moved to Palm Springs when I was 17. Palm Springs was my “gay education.” My birthday there was a white party. What a way to turn 18! I made a lot of friends and learned about what that kind of gay life was like.

I returned to Alaska and, since I had no place to stay, I told my father it was just a phase, moved back with him, and back into the closet. I tried to pray my gay away. I begged God. I would have given anything to be straight.

Editor: Is this when the exorcism took place?

RJ: Yes. I went back to ABT. They had been studying Bob Larson’s “Deliverance” exorcism ministry. They had a class to teach how to cast out demons on Friday nights. There was a questionnaire to determine if I had done something to open a portal which leads to demonic possession. The questions were things like did I try to control the weather, change stop lights, read horoscopes, use tarot cards and, of course, have sex with a man.

Editor: What happened at the exorcism? Who was there?

RJ: The exorcism took place at ABT. There were others there as well. I sat down and started crying. The Board of Directors, deacons, classmates, and family prayed over us. They anointed us each with oil and tried to cast the demon out.

Editor: Wow. I don’t know what to say. What happened next?

RJ: The reason I am telling you this is because I was in foster homes and shelters. I did not have anyone to look up to or with whom to talk. There wasn’t gay TV. Everyone said AIDS was God’s punishment. I want others to know they are not alone. When I was 19 I began developing a good group of friends, ones to last a lifetime. My friend Chris got me out of there. Tasha, who is another friend and a devout Catholic, said “Whether I agree with it or not, I don’t understand how what people do in their bedrooms has anything to do with me.” And, that gave me my first glimmer that maybe I was okay. They did social things with me when they knew I was gay. The father of one of my friends was a minister and he said “It’s not my job to judge you. It is my job to love you. If God is angry at you about anything, it is probably because you used to be friends with him.” I wonder, how can I have a relationship with God when everyone I know who follows him tells me I am the devil? When I do something wrong, I have a heavy conscious. But when I lie in bed with my partner, I feel no guilt. I know that being with him is right and I know God loves me.

Editor: Where are you now in your relationships with your mother, father, and ABT?

RJ: My mom is a great supporter. Mom was a cab driver and she took me to introduce me to Myrna’s and the GLBT community. She comes for all my Imperial Court functions. Last summer she was at the Assembly hearings. She saw a guy carrying a sign that said
One Man’s Journey

We Love How You Love Us

Identity, Inc. and GLCCA exist because you, the GLBT community brought us into existence. We are you. We continue to exist because you continue to provide for our needs.

Some provide by writing checks, adopting days, or having us charge a donation to your credit card. Whether you donate $250 or $5 a month, you regular donors are the backbone of our budget. You are our strength.

Those who join Identity give us a double gift. First, we use your membership fee to fund our programs and, second, you increase our membership numbers which helps when we apply for grants.

Some provide for Identity by making large donations. You provide a safety net for us and step up to make sure we can offer something we otherwise might not be able to offer. You make sure we survive the difficult times.

There are those of you who provide by donating goods and services enabling us to offer more than we might be able to offer otherwise as well as helping us to stretch out our money until it screams.

Some remembered Identity in wills and trusts and watch over us as angels.

Editor: I know you are telling your story to hopefully help others. What final things would you like others to know who may be having an experience similar to yours?

RJ: Get out and talk to as many people as you can. Ask questions. Ask other religious leaders. Don’t be afraid to talk about it. I don’t think any one person can impose on us their particular interpretation of things. You have to have your own personal relationship with God. I wish I had spoken up sooner. I discovered a lot of people already knew I was gay and did not care. The people that are going to be there for you are going to be there for you.

Editor: Is it okay if people contact you if they are walking a similar path and want to reach out?

RJ: Yes. I can be reached via e-mail at arejai21@hotmail.com.

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The T in GLBT

Trans Activism

Anja organizes and moderates the Transgendered Alaskans’ Social Group (TASG) which serves transgender, their loved ones, and allies by offering opportunities for socialization, support, advocacy, and education, as well as promoting safe and healthful transitions for those choosing that path. TASG meets once or twice a week at various locations in Anchorage. Anja developed and runs the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (Pipeline), the official TASG website, which is a resource rich website, forum, and welcoming home to old timers and those seeking first contact as they begin their journeys.

Anja has some exciting things in the works such as building a core group of trans knowledgeable healthcare providers in the Anchorage area to offer a coherent transition program for transsexuals wishing to transition. She is working on a trans-themed internet talk show in the form of Pipeline podcasts and anticipates the first show to be available this month. The first show is entitled “Transpeople and Christianity: Does God have a plan for us?”

Feel free to contact Anja via e-mail at:anja@transakpipeline.com or visit the TASG Pipeline at http://www.transakpipeline.com/.

Translations: The Seattle Transgender Film Festival

May 13-16

Three Dollar Bill Cinema and Gender Spectrum present Translations, a Seattle film festival to provide the Pacific Northwest with a venue for films by, for, and about transgender people, encouraging visibility and positive representations of transgender issues. Translations is one of only a few transgender film festivals in the world. For more information, contact: info@threedollarbillcinema.org

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Trans Fundraiser
Saturday • May 15, 2010

Are you ready to have fun? You are invited to the still unnamed drag show at Mad Myrna’s on Saturday, May 15th. You can enjoy a diva filled evening while helping to raise funds to create a non profit organization to assist transgender folk. For more information, e-mail Anja at alaskanadian2010@yahoo.com or visit www.transakpipeline.com.

Tran$ Tip$

Is the $150 fee keeping you from legally changing your name? You can request and complete form TF-920 - Request for Exemption from Payment of Fees. For detailed step by step instructions, go to: http://www.tsroadmap.com/reality/name/alaska.html.

Adieu

Identity bids good-bye to two members of our trans community who passed away recently, Nicole Blizzard and Nora Jean York. We wish you peace until we meet again.
Volunteers

New Volunteers

Welcome to Fred and Kristi, our newest volunteers at the community center. We are glad you have joined us and look forward to working with you.

Hi all! I’m really glad to have the opportunity to serve Anchorage’s and Alaska’s LGBT community and am looking forward to working at the Center.

After the Mayor’s veto of the anti-discrimination ordinance I felt like there was never a better time to get involved. The LGBT community is being denied equal protection and rights under our nations local, state and federal laws. These injustices as well as the views behind them must be eliminated. I feel the Community Center plays an important role in supporting and organizing the GLBT community, helping individuals and ultimately advancing the cause of equality.

Now for some random info: I moved to Anchorage earlier this year from Oklahoma City for my job and am liking Anchorage quite a bit. I’m from Utah and went to school there (Go Utes!) where I studied Political Science. In my free time I like to travel, hang with my friends, go to the gym, hit up the movies and play water polo. I also like anything to do with foreign stuff (languages especially).

Looking forward to helping at the Center and meeting you soon!

Hi, my name is Kristi and I have lived in Alaska all my life, but traveled extensively outside of Alaska. Some of my travels include living in Australia for a year and backpacking around Europe. I graduated from Chugiak in 2000, went to the UAA and now have a very exciting career in aviation. I want to volunteer because I want to help serve Anchorage’s LGBT community. During my off time I like to try and live a healthy life, including hiking, camping, running and cycling. I also really like cooking and experimenting with new foods, especially vegetarian and Indian cuisine. I look forward to my time here and helping serve my community.

Good-bye Myke

Myke Rogers is moving on from his work as a volunteer at Identity’s LGBT community center (GLCCA). Myke was a volunteer who could be counted upon to keep the center’s doors open when other volunteers could not be found and he often worked several shifts a week.

Myke used to work at a GLBT center in Houston Texas so, when his family left Alaska to return to Texas, he decided to return to his GLBT family and joined our GLCCA team. He said that volunteering at GLCCA filled a need to belong and feel welcome and renewed his sense of self worth. Myke wants you to know that GLCCA “…is all volunteer, all donation, and you can help. Anchorage is unique. It is impressive for a city this size to have a GLBT center open seven days a week with a volunteer to open the door and greet you.”

Myke is not leaving town so you may still get see him at GLCCA from time to time. He just won’t be working that’s all. Thank you for all the help Myke and we wish you well on your future endeavors.

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To Benefit Identity
Spectrum moving forward, looking towards Pride Fest

By Felix Rivera

“Don’t Tolerate, Celebrate” is the mantra drawing Alaska Pacific University (APU) students together in Spectrum, APU’s diversity club. As the president of Spectrum, I look for any opportunity to celebrate the variety and richness of culture and color we have here in Anchorage.

Did you know that the English as a Second Language program here in Anchorage has to accommodate for 96 different dialects? Spectrum just celebrated by taking a group of students to the Multicultural Drumming and Dancing Celebration. Spectrum also has GLBT pride. We recently held our second annual drag show and now hope to take a part in this summer’s Pride Fest.

Interested in participating with Spectrum? We’d love to have you join us. Contact Felix Rivera at frivera@alaskapacific.edu or Sonja Olson at solson@alaskapacific.edu.

Out at UAA

University of Alaska at Anchorage’s GLBT group has made some changes. Formerly known as The Family, the group is now called Out. The name may have changed but it is still the same warm and welcoming group and you still do not need to be a student to attend. Out meets Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Student Leadership Lab on the second floor of the Student Union. You can visit Out’s Myspace page at www.myspace.com/thefamilyuuaa.

The Youth Have Arrived

The GLBTA youth of Alaska are picking up speed and solidifying themselves with Identity both in governance and programs. At the most recent meeting of Identity’s Board of Directors, APU student Felix Rivera was elected to Identity’s board as a member at large and Natasha Ball was elected as High School Youth Representative with Julia Jokela as an alternate. Identity Board members will mentor our new youth members and representatives in their new leadership and governance roles. Rev. Johnathan Jones will mentor Felix and Anne Marie Moylan will mentor Natasha and Julia. A steering committee focused upon our youth is being formed with DJ Walter, Alex Barros and interested youth. Identity is so pleased and proud to welcome the next generation into the ranks of leadership.

Youth Drop-in

Are you a GLBTQA youth between 13 and 19 years of age? If so, there is now a Saturday Youth Drop-in program at GLCCA just for you! You can drop in and hang out in a safe place with other young people. Youth Drop-in is the first and third Saturday of each month from noon to 3:00 in the afternoon. During Youth Drop-in time, GLCCA will be closed to all but youth (13-19 years of age) and a couple of trained adult chaperones who have passed background checks. The entire center is set aside so that you can use the space as you like, such as talking, watching movies, playing games, such as Guitar Hero, and eating food. You are also invited to meet with the facilitators, Johnathan Jones and Ginger Blackmon, to let them know exactly what it is you would like to do and how you would like to see the Youth Initiative further develop. You are invited to come and hang out with others your age. Bring a friend!

For those of you who will like to know more or to make a donation you can contact Phyllis at the GLCCA (929-4528 or info@identityinc.org) and she will lead you to the appropriate person. We are really excited to see the Youth Initiative off to such a great start.
Dining with Royalty

If you have ever accepted the cordial invitation to all in our GLBTA community for a free Thanksgiving dinner at Mad Myrna’s or the Raven, then you have been the guest of royalty, Will Rowley, Empress Eve XXVIII of all Alaska, to be specific.

Editor: When did you start doing the annual free Thanksgiving dinners and why?

Willie: I have been doing it since 2000 except for a two year hiatus. I started putting on the dinners because I wanted to give back to our community. There are so many people in our community who, for a variety of reasons, are at loose ends at holiday time. I wanted to do a dinner so that whatever their family situation, GLBTA people had a place to come for Thanksgiving. We do the main dinner on Wednesday so that we can dine as a community and those who have family to visit can still go have Thanksgiving dinner with them. Then I like to have a smaller dinner, mostly with the leftovers, on Thursday.

Editor: It seems like an expensive and work intensive endeavor for you and your partner. How do you do it?

Willie: I really want the dinner to be a “thank you” to the community so don’t want to charge any money for it. We tried to do the dinner as a pot luck one year but the rolls came three hours late and the potatoes did not show up at all. So now I do it. I went to the culinary program at UAA and I love to cook. We start looking for sales and shopping right now in the spring. One year Wal-Mart had turkeys on sale for 40 cents a pound so we got two shopping carts full. When we went back the next day for more they had put up a “limit” sign to prevent us from taking even greater advantage of the terrific price. We also watch for free turkeys. Fred Meyers usually has a deal offering a free turkey for spending $100 on groceries. So, we buy the groceries in increments of $100 to get maximum free turkeys.

I pack up and bring my own kitchen and use my own knives, copper chafing dishes and so forth. I have 8 totes of linens and Thanksgiving decorations. It takes 5 trips from my home in Eagle River to get everything here. I stay at the Sheraton.

Editor: You mentioned there are people who help you.

Willie: Each year I enslave somebody to be there all day washing dishes and doing other chores for me. My partner helps a lot. Some people come to the kitchen and offer to buy me a drink. I want to accept and then remember “Wait, I can’t get drunk. I still have to cook!” Some tuck money into my pockets. People contribute in different ways, Myrna, Larry, T-Bear, Gladys, Kevin & Mimi. I very much appreciate them all.

It feels good to put on the dinner and it feels good that people look forward to it and begin asking in the spring if we are going to do the dinner again. People are very appreciative that we do it. I like being able to provide a don’t-think-about-it-just-come-and-enjoy-yourself-dinner. Come and join us!
Join Action for Equal Rights

Tiffany McClain, ACLU

Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh have been partners for 32 years. They share everything: a home, vacations, volunteer time at Anchorage’s Gay & Lesbian Community Center, and the vows they exchanged in Vancouver to mark their 30th anniversary. But the State of Alaska still treats them as strangers in the eyes of the law. Most Alaskan residents 65 years of age and older are exempt from paying taxes on a portion of their home, regardless of whether or not the property is occupied by a single person or a married couple. But because the state of Alaska treats same-sex couples as roommates splitting a property instead of full-fledged partners sharing a home, they are excluded from receiving the full tax exemption made available to married partners. The same goes for disabled veterans, who are also eligible for the full exemption as long as they don’t live with a same-sex partner. Not until the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska brought it to their attention did Julie & Gayle look at their paperwork and realize that they were being cheated. They decided to join us in challenging the state for equal treatment. They never imagined being involved in a case like this, but, Gayle said, “If we want equal rights, we have to be willing to step forward.”

If you are a property owner who would like to join Gayle & Julie AND
-You are in a long-term, committed relationship with your same-sex partner AND
-At least one partner is 65 or over OR a disabled veteran

Please contact Tiffany McClain, LGBT Public Policy Coordinator, ACLU of Alaska, 907-258-0044 ext. 2006

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Queerlympics

The PrideFest committee has arranged something new for 2010: A Pride Odyssey – Queerlympics! This is a pre Pride physical, intellectual, and trivia contest held each Saturday leading up to PrideFest. It is held with teams of four and is open to all. Registration is due May 30th. Teams will be introduced at the Memorial Day Picnic and awards will be announced during Pride on the ParkStrip.

For more information visit http://www.alaskapride.org/index.htm or e-mail: info@alaskapride.org

President Obama

On January 29, 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act to ensure that all Americans receive equal pay for equal work. The President is committed to expanding funding for the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division to ensure that voting rights are protected and Americans do not suffer from increased discrimination during a time of economic distress. President Obama also continues to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and believes that our anti-discrimination employment laws should be expanded to include sexual orientation and gender identity. He supports full civil unions and federal rights for LGBT couples and opposes a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. He supports repealing Don’t Ask Don’t Tell in a sensible way that strengthens our armed forces and our national security, and also believes that we must ensure adoption rights for all couples and individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation.
Identity’s Adopt-A-Day program keeps the doors open at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center by paying the rent and utilities. Open from 3-9pm Monday thru Friday, 12 – 6pm Saturday* and Sunday and staffed entirely by volunteers, the GLCCA is a welcoming place for locals and visitors. It puts our best rainbow foot forward and is a place of which you can be proud. Your investment will sustain this vibrant Community Center.

*1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 12-3pm, high school youth only

Adopt your 2010 dates now. Good dates are still available. There are many ways to participate.

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