Drag Queen Revolution

When are two legs in pumps Pillars of Justice? When a drag queen revolution becomes a symbol to end oppression.

On June 23rd at 6 PM Anchorage will be filled with the most sparkly, bravest, and shiniest of our LGBT rainbow. The third annual Drag Queen Bingo Event will take place on 4th Avenue between K and L streets in front of Snow City Café. If you attended last year’s event you may recall fun, mayhem, community, and unity. Two hundred of us crammed the Snow City Café for Bingo with a distinct twist. Daphne Do All La Chores, the acclaimed Diva of Bingo lead a family friendly night of auctions, games, and performances. Daphne was a wonderful emcee in high drag fashion and of course the popular DRAG OFF stole the show! If you missed it, this is not the year to miss it again. This year the men of AMP will bring you the biggest most fabulous-est event of the Alaska Pride season. We have closed off 4th Avenue (thank you Municipality for being so pump-friendly) and we plan to fill the streets of downtown Anchorage with gender-bending high energy frivolity.

Drag Queens continue to be at the forefront of the LGBT revolution, as they were in Stone Wall. We, as a community, have the opportunity to create our own Stone Wall. In a city that continues to support inequality, it’s time to Step Up, and Step Out in DRAG! Let’s come together, let’s get dressed up, let’s drag it up, and let’s do a little pushing back of our own. This event is loud and proud and draws a huge diverse crowd that is not afraid, and who will not be ashamed or intimidated.

Drag Queen Bingo has prizes, countless laughs, food, beer, boys dressed as girls, and girls dressed as boys. Four makeup artists will be available to help you get your drag on. Most of all we have community, we have love. All proceeds from this event will support the outstanding work of the young men of AMP. In the last year, AMP has done so much for this community where volunteerism and community building are the pillars that AMP upholds. Join us and be a part of the revolution. If nothing else you will have a good time, but if you join us you are part of a revolution. It’s time Anchorage Step up and Step Out at Drag Queen Bingo.

When is a drag queen not a drag queen? Never, she is always a drag queen, but in Alaska she is a voice for change, equality and fund-raising.

Please join us.

Drag Queen Bing is June 23rd. Doors open at 6:30, show at 7 p.m. at Snow City Café, don’t miss it!

With Love and Pride,
Alex Barros
Director of Prevention
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
PARADE INFORMATION

Floats and marching contingents in the past have included:
- Identity
- The Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)
- Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage (MCC)
- Alaskans For Civil Rights (ACR)
- Mad Myrna's
- Kodiak
- The Last Frontier Men's Club (TLFMC)
- Young Gay Men's Association
- The Family (UAA's GLBTQA Support Group)
- Ms. Alaska Leather
- Alaskans for Choice
- Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4 A's)
- AMP
- Alaskan Klingon Club
- People of Faith
- Anchorage Librarians
- Anchorage High Schools Gay-Straight Alliance (GSAs)
- Alaska Green Party
- Radical Arts for Women (RAW)
- Dykes on Bikes
- Alaska Roller Derby League
- Boys in their Underwear
- and more.

Individuals are always encouraged to march with homemade signs in memory of those lost to AIDS or hate crimes or to express their own personal pride.

THE ALASKA PRIDEFEST FESTIVAL will be on Saturday, June 25 on the Delaney Park Strip memorial block (I Street thru L Street).

THE FESTIVAL STAGE will feature many groups and organizations that make significant contribution to the GLBT community in Anchorage. Previous entertainers at the Festival have included the Fabulous Kristara, the BearTones, rock & blues by Full Circle, Underground Dance Company: Hip, hot, Veronica Page, Stray Dogma, and a host of talented individual vocalists, dancers, and Drag Divas.

THE KIDDIE CARNIVAL was a huge hit last year, and we plan on bringing it back for PrideFest 2011: Step Up, Step Out. Last year the kids enjoyed many carnival type games such as balloon darts, duck pond and ring toss as well as hula hoop contests and an arts and crafts center where the kids made sand art, did beading for necklaces, bracelets, key chain etc. We had a booth providing face painting, temporary tattoos and crazy hair, which generated some unique and memorable photo opportunities.

As always, the Festival is FREE. However, donations to Identity, Inc. are always appreciated if you wish to help us meet the ever-rising costs of producing a quality Pride Festival, or to help this GLBT non-profit service organization which serves our community.
2011 Events in Honor of Pride Week

Pride Month Display in the Southeast Lobby of the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse. Sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Saturday June 11th

- 7pm - “Three Veils” by Rolla Selbak --Out North Contemporary Art House - 3800 DeBarr Rd. A film about three Middle Eastern women trying to navigate the conflicts and tensions of religion, culture, family, sexuality, and life in America. The director Selbak and actress Sheetal Sheth will attend the screening, house party, and workshop. Find out more at http://outnorth.blogspot.com/.

Friday June 17th

- 5pm - 7pm - Pride Exhibit Opening - Out North Contemporary Art House - 3800 DeBarr Rd (drop off for art - June 5 - 7 from 11am to 7pm)
- Saturday June 18th
- 7pm - Pride Movie Screening - Out North Theater, 3800 Debarr Rd, Role/Play

Saturday June 18th

- 10am - 6pm - Identity booth at the Downtown Market and Festival. PrideFest t-shirts, rainbow merchandise, raffle tickets, and PrideFest information will be available.

Sunday June 19th

- 10am - 6pm - Identity booth at the Downtown Market and Festival. PrideFest t-shirts, rainbow merchandise, raffle tickets, and PrideFest information will be available.
- 11am - Annual LGBT Pride Memorial Service @ the Pride Memorial, Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery (6th and Fairbanks St, enter off Fairbanks St or 9th Avenue, NE corner)
- 4pm - Raven - Kick off BBQ - Free

Monday June 20th

- 7:45pm - Pride Movie Screening - Bear Tooth Theatre Pub - “Making the Boys”

Official Movie Website: http://firstrunfeatures.com/makingtheboys/

Tuesday June 21st

- 6:00pm - Anchorage Front Runners - Westchester Lagoon - Far West Parking Lot, corner of W. 15th and U St. (running every Tuesday night throughout the summer)

Thursday June 23rd

- Door at 6:30pm Bingo at 7:00pm - Drag Queen Bingo at Snow City Cafe, 1034 W. 4th Ave. A fundraiser benefiting AMP, with food, drinks, bingo games, prizes, and auctions. All ages are welcome. Admission is $15.00, or $10.00 if you come in drag.

Friday June 24th

- 7:30pm - Congregation Beth Sholom, invites members of the LGBT Community to join us for Shabbat services during Pride Week. 7525 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Saturday June 25th

- 11am - Celebrating Diversity Parade - designated route in downtown Anchorage
- 12noon - 5pm - Festival - Delaney Parkstrip memorial block (I Street thru L Street)
- Door at 8:00pm Show at 9:00pm - Kristara Live and In the Raw - Mad Myrna’s Show lounge. $10 at the door. Includes auction to benefit Gay & Lesbian Community Center/Alaska Pride.

Sunday June 26th

- 11am - Myrna’s - Pride Closing BBQ
- 1 pm - Pride Ecumenical Service at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Corner of Tudor and Lake Otis.

***See the official listing of events on the PrideFest website at http://alaskapride.org/events.htm.
By Felix Rivera  
Incoming Co-Chair

This year, the steering committee behind Alaska Pride is looking to step up the 9-day celebration in June, the annual Alaska Pride Fest. The dates this year are June 18 – 26.

The theme the group has selected is reminiscent of happenings throughout the country: Don’t Ask Don’t Tell was repealed, the Defense of Marriage Act is being scrutinized by White House administration, and states around the country are passing pro-equality laws.

But still, the work is not done. Anchorage still does not have an equal-rights ordinance protecting GLBT folks from undue discrimination. Even more, our GLBT brothers and sisters in Africa face threats to their lives on a daily basis. Some have even lost their lives fighting for justice.

This summer, we ask each and every Alaskan to Step Up, Step Out. So what does that mean exactly? Haven’t attended Pride Fest in a few years? We ask you to Step Up and support your local community. Want to put on an event for Pride or volunteer, but haven’t found the motivations to do so? We ask you to Step Out of your comfort zone and become involved.

Each and every one of us should follow this motto. This year, Alaska Pride asks that you run with it! After all, that is what Pride is all about: Alaska Pride promotes state-wide gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality through education and celebration.

This year, to help us better follow our motto, the steering committee has decided to put the two umbrella events of Alaska Pride Fest and Pride Conference under one label: Alaska Pride. Both of these serve to help educate ourselves on what it means to be GLBT in Alaska, but also to celebrate our Pride.

In essence, Alaska Pride Fest serves as the heart of Alaska Pride. Alaska Pride Conference serves as the head. Head and heart. One cannot exist without the other.

One heart, one mind, Alaska Pride.

Please email us if you are interested in being a sponsor, individual donor, vendor, or volunteer at info@identityinc.org.

Check out our website at www.alaskapride.org

Help us make Alaska Pride 2011 a year to remember!

By Emily Kloc  
Incoming Co-Chair

On behalf of Alaska Pride, I’d like to extend an invitation to you and your loved ones to attend this year’s Alaska Pride Fest!

I think it is easy for us (the GLBT community) to limit ourselves to staying comfortably within our boundaries: hanging out only with LGBT people, going only to the gay bar, etc. But this can really shrink our sense of community. The point of Pride is to view beyond these narrow categories and to find ways to build community with everyone around us, regardless of their orientation or gender identity.

So I want to say: Come one! Come all! I would love to see you Step Up to build community and Step Out of your comfort zone. So thank you again for doing both to support Alaska Pride. Alaska Pride wouldn’t get anything done without our wonderfully supportive community members like you!

IDENTITY EVENTS:

Identity’s programs include: a statewide Helpline; NorthView, our quarterly newsletter; Alaska Pride, including Pride Fest and Pride Conference; the Gay and Lesbian Community Center; an Identity Advocacy Program; and support for local youth programs.

SATURDAY MARKET INFO:

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Join us at the Identity boot at the Downtown Market and Festival. We will have Pride Fest t-shirts, rainbow merchandise, raffle tickets for the Master Forge grill raffled off on June 25 at the Park Strip, and much more Pride Fest information will be available.

SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE INFO:

11 a.m.

Please join us for the Annual LGBT Memorial Service at the Pride Memorial, Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery (6th and Fairbanks St, enter off Fairbanks St or 9th Avenue, NE corner). During this memorial, we will honor all those who have Stepped Up, Stepped Out and are no longer with us.

Help us make Alaska Pride 2011 a year to remember!
Celebrating Diversity
Parade 2011 Grand Marshall

Doug Frank moved to Alaska from the East Coast in the summer of 1974. Since the 1980’s, Doug has worked as a volunteer and leader in the GLBT community. Due to a strict religious background, he did not come out till his late twenties. A weekly gay and lesbian support group held at the first gay and lesbian community center helped in this process.

On a cold evening, December 1, 1988, at the Park Strip, a large globe with an interior light was presented as a symbol of a “world full of light and understanding as opposed to darkness and ignorance” (quote from 6-o’clock news). The first World AIDS Day, which Doug helped to plan, became a watershed moment that elevated AIDS to a topic of conversation. At the end of the event, Doug announced that a large portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which he saw at its unveiling in 1987, would be displayed in Anchorage in July of 1989.

In 1994, Doug and F. Ken Freedman, planned the first conference with the help of Rebecca Roger. The gay community had allowed their opponents to define the debate and dialogue concerning equal rights for too long. To reflect this shift, the theme of the first conference was “In Search of... A New Vision for Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals.”

Doug never dreamed that equal rights for equality would evolve at such an accelerated pace. He is proud to have known many, if not all, of the brave individuals who have fought for equal rights in the Last Frontier. Doug hopes that the next generation of gay men and lesbians will live in a community that is closer to one with a sense of hope, inspiration and purpose.

PrideFest Emcees

Dave Curtis is the host and producer of BEAT ROOTS ALASKA a weekly radio show featuring an eclectic mix of dance and electronica on Alaska’s 90.3 FM KNBA. Dave is very fortunate to have a voice on the air where he can let his gay out and be proud on the air! Dave loves that there is a radio station in Anchorage that is not about top 40 music. Tune in every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. for the best mix of dance in the world!

Kimberly Mendez, otherwise known as Kimtagious, is on KFAT 92.9. Kim was born an Army brat and spent most of her life in Japan and Korea. She is married to Staff Sergeant Joshua Mendez of the United States Air Force. She moved to Alaska on December 18, 2001 on a round trip ticket from Dallas. Her dad had moved here from Italy and she wanted to go back to school and spend more time with her dad. She is a true supporter of equal rights for all people, no matter age, color, sex, religion or who we fall in love with.
BEARS TOOTH EVENTS:
The Bear Tooth Theatrepub is the newest member of the Moose’s Tooth Pub and Pizzaria and Moose’s Tooth Brewing Company family (the Bear Tooth also happens to be the mountain right next to Moose’s Tooth in the Alaska Range.) When you enter the building, you’ll find over 12,000 square feet of remodeled lobby and theatre space including a 70 seat casual dining area and a 400 seat single screen movie house with a 125 seat balcony and a 275 seat main floor.

TOP TWINS
Monday, June 20  5:30 p.m.
Pride Movie Screening at Bear Tooth Theatre Pub, “The Top Twins: Untouchable Girls.” New Zealand’s national treasures The Topp Twins – aka identical twin sisters Lynda and Jools Topp – have performed around the world as an original country-music comedy duo for more than 25 years and continue to delight audiences from the alternative to the mainstream. No other act has such unique cross-over appeal, and are equally at home performing in front of a gay/lesbian audience or in a Rugby stadium as opening match entertainment.

MAKING THE BOYS
Monday, June 20  7:45 p.m.
Pride Movie Screening at Bear Tooth Theatre Pub, “Making the Boys.” Before Prop 8, Milk or Will & Grace, before the AIDS epidemic, gay pride parades or the Stonewall uprising, The Boys in the Band changed everything. MAKING THE BOYS explores the drama, struggle and enduring legacy of the first-ever gay play and subsequent Hollywood movie to successfully reach a mainstream audience. Beloved by some for breaking new ground, and condemned by others for reinforcing gay stereotypes, The Boys in the Band sparked heated controversy that still exists four decades later. Featuring anecdotes from the surviving cast and filmmakers, as well as perspectives by legendary figures from stage and screen, MAKING THE BOYS traces the behind-the-scenes drama and lasting legacy of this cultural milestone.

ANCHORAGE FRONT RUNNER EVENT:
Tuesday, June 21  6:00pm
Join the Anchorage Front Runners at Westchester Lagoon (Far West Parking Lot, corner of W. 15th and U St) for their weekly fun run.

MAD MYRNA’S EVENTS:
The center of the GAY GALAXY, this is the heart of the DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE FRUIT-LOOP!
KRISTARA LIVE AND IN THE RAW
Saturday June 25th
Door at 8:00pm, Show at 9:00pm
Join Kristara and gang in Kristara Live and In the Raw at Mad Myrna’s Show lounge. $10 at the door. All proceeds go to Alaska pride and includes auction.

4A’s/ AMP EVENTS:
The mission of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association is to be a key collaborator within the state of Alaska in the provision of supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families and in the elimination of the transmission of HIV infection and its stigma.
AMP provides a social setting that allows young gay men the freedom to meet other guys, plan and participate in events making their group unique to all others. If you’re a gay/bi/questioning man within the ages of 18-29 AMP is for you.
PrideFest Vendors

ACLU of Alaska Foundation
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Anchorage, AK 99503

Identity, Inc.
P.O. Box 200070
Anchorage, AK 99520

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
1057 W. Fireweed Ln, Suite 102
Anchorage, AK 99503

Out North
3800 DeBarr Road
Anchorage, AK 99508

Alaska Club
1450 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

PFLAG Anchorage
P.O. Box 203231
Anchorage, AK 99520

Alaska Workers’ Association
211 E. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Planned Parenthood of Alaska
4001 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507

Beautiful People Beads

Pride Foundation
P.O. Box 241294
Anchorage, AK 99524

Castle Megastore
1851 E. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Salmon Quesadillas

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St. John United Methodist Church
1801 O’Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Credit Union One
1941 Abbott Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Standing Together Against Rape
1047 W. Fireweed Ln, Suite 230
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Greatland Infusion Pharmacy
7001 Miranda Drive
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Stop AIDS Project
520 E. 4th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Honeysuckle Hills “Lunch Box”
212 W. 23rd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

The Skin Bar
1108 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Suite A
Anchorage, AK 99508

Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)
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A summer of PRIDE at Out North Contemporary Art House

Kick off Pride early with “Three Veils,” a film about three Middle Eastern women living in America, each with her own story and struggle related to faith, culture, family, and sexuality. Out North’s “Three Veils” weekend includes:

- **6 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 10** at Out North: Three Veils House Party and Alaska Barbeque Fundraiser with “Three Veils” director and writer Rolla Selbak and actress Sheetal Sheth. The event will support a new film series at Out North that will investigate the intersections between LGBTQ people and culture. $25 admission includes food, wine, beer and beverages. RSVP by June 8 at 279-8099 or admin@outnorth.org. (This event coincides with the informal preview of the Pride exhibit in the Out North gallery.)

- **2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11** at Out North: From a spark of an idea to bringing moving pixels to life, filmmaker Rolla Selbak talks about what it takes to make it as an indie-filmmaker in the digital age of the two-thousand teens. She wrote, directed and edited her first feature film, Making Maya, for $5,000. Her second and current feature film, Three Veils, has come a long way from her humble beginnings, and she is here to share her journey. When do you know a script is ready? How to raise money and make a budget? 10 important things to keep in mind during a shoot? How to promote yourself and your film? She will also be holding an involved Q&A for the second-half of the workshop $20 in advance or at the door.

(Rolla Selbak’s work spans many genres and mediums, and is known for its bold approach to compelling stories and subject matter. Her film “Three Veils” confronts sometimes delicate topics like arranged marriage, homosexuality, and love within the American-Arab subculture. Her next project is an adaptation of Ray Bradbury’s “Death is a Lonely Business.”)

- **7 p.m. Saturday, June 11** at Out North: “Three Veils” screening. The film centers on three Middle Eastern women living in the U.S., each with her own story about culture, family, love, faith, sexuality and more. It touches on subjects like arranged marriage, homosexuality, and love in the Arab-American subculture. It aims to portray the characters as human beings first, women second, and their cultural surroundings as veils that dictate how much of their inner selves are revealed. $10 at the door.

ON’s summer of Pride continues with a Pride art exhibit, a screening of “role/play,” and the rocking musical “Hedwig and the Angry Inch.”

- **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 17** at Out North: Opening reception for the Pride art exhibition at the Out North Gallery. This group show explores the concepts, connotations and challenges of “Pride,” whatever it means to them. This show formally kicks off Pride week in Anchorage. Free admission. Art prices vary.

- **7 p.m. Friday June 18** at Out North: A screening of “role/play,” a Rob Williams film that talks about the price of fame using “closet celebs” as the backdrop to a very human romance. The film tells the story of a just-outed soap star and a divorcing gay-marriage activist hiding out in a discreet Palm Springs resort to avoid the media flak related to a sex tape and affair. $10 at the door.

- **7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, July 8 through 30** at Out North: “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” directed by Jon Minton. Out North’s executive director Scott Schofield will play the lead role during a one-night fundraising performance on July 22. This groundbreaking, Obie-winning, Off-Broadway smash also won multiple awards for its hit film adaptation. It tells the story of a just-outed song stylist and a divorcing gay-marriage activist hiding out in a discreet Palm Springs resort to avoid the media flak related to a sex tape and affair. $25 in advance at centertix.net or $30 at the door. Discounts for military members/youth/60+.
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Preparing for PrEP, the HIV prevention pill.

Excerpts taken from www.projectinform.org

Edited for content by Alex Barros
Director of Business Development
Great Land Infusion Pharmacy

I am thrilled to present the first in a series of gay, lesbian and transgender health articles that Doug and I will be writing for our Alaskan community. It is our hope that you’ll write to us ask us questions that are pertinent to your health issues and we can provide some answers to this article will also be looking for topical and interesting information to bring to everyone. Please feel free to send questions to Alex@GreatLandInfusionPharmacy.com.

PrEP Study Results: Using HIV Meds Reduces Risk of Infection

From Project Inform
November 23, 2010

A study showing that a daily pill reduces HIV risk in gay men is reason for great hope. US agencies should waste no time in assessing the ability of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to slow the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Background

Data released from the iPrEx study concluding that the daily use of an HIV antiretroviral medication can prevent new cases of HIV among gay and bisexual men and trans females represents the most promising development in HIV/AIDS since the introduction of triple combination drug therapy in 1996.

iPrEx evaluated the safety and efficacy of Truvada, a single pill combining two drugs, tenofovir (TDF) and emtricitabine (FTC) as part of a study package that included counseling to continue condom use, medication adherence counseling, regular HIV testing and monitoring of side effects. 2,499 participants came from the United States (San Francisco and Boston), Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa and. Trial subjects were at high risk for HIV infection based on self-reports of multiple sex partners, engagement in unsafe sex, history of sexually transmitted infections and high rates of alcohol use.

Thirty-four infections occurred among participants in the drug arm of iPrEx and sixty-six in participants in the placebo arm. Researchers calculated that, overall, TDF/FTC cut new HIV infections by 43.8 percent compared to placebo (95% CI 15.4-62.6%; p = 0.005). Adjusted for participants who adhered to medication 50 percent of the time or more, overall efficacy was 50.2 percent (95% CI 17.9-69.7%; p = 0.006). Importantly, increased adherence to TDF/FTC improved efficacy as well. Overall, participants reported increased condom use and decreased sexual partners. Some side effects, notably nausea, were experienced by participants receiving medication, but there were no major adverse events. Drug resistance did not occur among those who seroconverted and were quickly switched to triple combination treatment. But long-term safety of TDF/FTC among HIV-negative individuals and drug resistance merit additional study. A compete report of iPrEx findings can be seen at www.nejm.com.

Project Inform’s Advice to the Community About PrEP Use

As promising as the iPrEx results are, Project Inform strongly urges gay and bisexual men and trans females not to attempt PrEP on their own. We strongly discourage HIV-negative people from acquiring Truvada from HIV-positive people for PrEP, thus threatening the health of both individuals.

PrEP’s Potential, and That of HIV Antiretrovirals, in Slowing the Spread of HIV

Gay and bisexual men continue to be severely and disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States, accounting for 53 percent of the 56,300 new HIV infections each year. The rate of new HIV diagnoses among gay and bisexual men is more than 44 times that of other men. Most new HIV infections among black and Latino gay and bisexual men occur in those aged 13–29. PrEP therefore represents a long-awaited and extremely exciting opportunity to reduce the impact of HIV in this hard-hit community.

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Concerns About PrEP and Project Inform’s View of Those Issues
There will be substantial concerns about PrEP in the US:
The cost of this intervention is potentially high, including the cost of Truvada, regular HIV testing and monitoring for side-effects, and counseling to encourage adherence to the drug and to ongoing condom or sterile syringe use.

Step Up and Out for Equal Rights

In 2009 the Anchorage Assembly voted 7 – 4 in favor of a trans-inclusive LGBT non-discrimination ordinance. Mayor Sullivan vetoed the ordinance. The mayor and some assembly members alleged that there is no evidence of discrimination in Anchorage. In spite of this heartbreaking veto, it was still a major victory for our community. Hundreds of people from our community rallied and testified on behalf of LGBT equal rights. The Assembly responded 7 – 4 in recognition of the need for equal rights and Matt Claman was ready to sign the ordinance into effect.

We need and deserve protections in housing, employment and public accommodations. LGBT identified persons are turned down for leases and mortgage loans and fired from jobs and turned down for promotions when otherwise qualified, as well as denied public services just for being who they are. Equal rights and protections benefit everyone in Anchorage. Equality is good for business as well, attracting professional talent such as doctors and nurses. Young people will not live in a non-tolerant place.

In order to win, WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

• Be informed. The results of the 2011 Anchorage LGBT Discrimination Survey will be published this month.
• Volunteer for Alaska Pride. www.alaskapride.org
• Sign an Equality Works pledge card. Available at the ACLU table at PrideFest or online at www.EqualityWorks.org
• Sign a petition to place an equal rights ordinance on the ballot.
• Talk with friends and neighbors about the need for equality in Anchorage.

GLCCA - Hours

Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM - All Ages
Saturdays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM – All Ages
Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM - All Ages

Youth Drop-in Hours at GLCCA
On hold for the summer. Look for more information this fall.

Youth Nomination

This year’s theme for Pride is “Step Up, Step Out” and we are looking to honor young individuals who are ‘Stepping Up’ to support and advocate for equality in our community. These young individuals will be recognized throughout Pride Week and during the Celebrating Diversity Parade as part of a Youth Contingency who are helping to create positive change in Alaska.

Nominees should be individuals who:

• Have been involved in a group, activity or action that has promoted equality and respect in their school or community.
• Have advocated for LGBT rights and/or gender equality.
• Are 18-26 years of age.
• Are not employed (paid) to conduct this advocacy or outreached for the LGBT community.

Nominations form can be found online at www.alaskapride.org.
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