This is the first year I can remember that I had the opportunity to celebrate Pride twice. The first celebration was in Anchorage, and the second was this past weekend in San Francisco. Let me start with San Francisco. The pride parade was huge. The opening contingent of Dykes on Bikes was perhaps as large as the entire parade in Anchorage. Motorcycle after motorcycle cruised by, some with bare breasted women driving or riding. This was followed by 199 more parade groups consisting of local GLBT groups marching, imaginative floats, GLBT friendly politicians, and many cool costumes. Brian pushed me down the sidewalk in a wheelchair along the parade route from our hotel at Market & Powell Street to City Hall where the post-parade festival was held. We had matinee tickets to the SF Opera that Sunday afternoon and the parade and festival were on the way to our final destination. There were 11 large stages set up on the blocks surrounding City Hall and 11 smaller stages and venues for performances. The people attending the parade and festival greatly outnumbered the entire population of the state of Alaska – maybe even two times over. It can be a bit daunting sitting in a wheelchair with huge crowds of people pressed in around you.

The Anchorage Pride Parade on the other hand was a much smaller affair. I arrived early and chatted with many people I knew while walking through the Park Strip to find my spot on the sidewalk to view the parade. I positioned myself across “reviewing stand” where LaChores described happiness and excitement were people I knew, this old man certainly underwear marching by. I had worked with on over the years, people

the street from the judges table and the the lovely and effervescent Daphne DoAll each group as they passed by. I beamed with ment as each contingent passed by. Many and some were people I wish I knew. Yes, doesn’t mind seeing the boys in nothing but Many of the folks in the parade were people various projects, people I had laughed with I had cried with, people I hadn’t always
This year, I’m so glad the sun was shining to begin the day. I really liked the section of the parkstrip, near the Rose Garden. It was good to be by the finish line, where the judges sat at the end of the parade, and see all the components of the parade. It was really heartening to see all the new groups - Christians for Equality, Credit Union 1, Libririan for Equality, Last Frontier Drag King, etc. added to marching in parade this year.

Which parade and festival do you think I enjoyed the most? Honestly it was the PrideFest in Anchorage. It wasn’t as glitzy and well attended as Pride in San Francisco, but you know what? It was my family and my town. Watching the parade and seeing the people marching made me think about the GLBT community’s accomplishments over the past year. It made me think about individuals as they walked by and their personal journeys and struggles to get to where we are today. It made me think of a few setbacks we have had. It made me think about how important it is to support people in politics who aren’t afraid to stand up for what is right. It made me think about challenges we have going forward. And most importantly it made me have immense Pride in the fact that I’m a gay guy living in Anchorage, Alaska.” ~Tim Pearson

“The white pavilions for the stage and set ups were very attractive. The overall look of the booths was appealing as well. There was a great selection of food to sample and organizations to check out serving the GLBT community. I loved turning around after the parade and seeing so many people at the picnic. It looked like a thousand to me. I was thrilled & thought,’What a great turn out!’”
“I’ve been in Alaska for over twenty years and this year was my first emergence into Pride Alaska. It was an exhilarating feeling to allow myself to be honest and open about who I am. I granted myself permission to be fully present at every event. The week began for me at Alaska Zoo for Gay Day. It was a welcoming feeling to be among the LBGT community laughing and enjoying the sun.

I’m always at home sharing my own poetry but being at the Poetry Parley at Out North was particularly sentimental. Although the room was almost empty, it still felt like family. I was completely fascinated by the movie “On These Shoulders We Stand”. It was a documentary about the LBGT movement in California. As I watched the film, I realized how privileged this generation is to have these rights. We possess the freedom to choose our attire freely, display public affection and even dance without judgment. The laws and society’s view have and will continue to move into a greater state of acceptance.

The largest commitment for me was walking in the Pride parade. It was more than just walking, smiling and waving with a banner but a celebration of my liberation. It was in that moment I told the world I will no longer conceal or be embarrassed about who I am. I am proud black and lesbian living in Anchorage Alaska. My heart was overflowing with jubilation as I strolled around the park strip. When I took the stage on Saturday, June 9, 2012, I was standing with more confidence and joy. During this weekend I shared portions of me only close family and friends have witnessed. I danced like no tomorrow and stood proud at every opportunity. I witnessed a community banding together as one unit; helping each other setup, smiling continuously and laughing without care. It wasn’t contained to only the park strip it was represented all over Anchorage. There was a real since of this year’s theme, be proud, be heard and be pride, emanating at every occasion, from Drag Queen bingo to the Kristara show. I am honored to be a part of a growing diverse LBGT community. Where love is not a word but an action in motion.” ~Shelby Wilson

“This was my second Pride Fest in Anchorage - once went to one in Wyoming. I really liked the Anchorage celebration better than Wyoming. The Anchorage Pride Fest was a family affair and children were welcome and the entertainment was family appropriate. It would be fun to see a kids float.” ~Shawn
“I have been to a number of Pride Fests over the years. This year at Pride Fest 2012, I was at the film at Out North, “On These Shoulders We Stand”. This film consists of interviews with the elder GLBT activiists and the historical content of the struggle to decriminalize the activities, including what clothing the GLBT community members wore, in Los Angelus, California during the 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s. It was wonderful to watch and to get to see, even if it wasn’t our local Alaskan history. The past couple of years, it has crossed my mind that a local GLBT history should be done. Locally, we have an aging population.

One of our women’s community members, Lucy Frey, is turning 80 years old in August. I’m sure she has a wealth of knowledge about the community, beyond my own. She will be in Anchorage on August 3rd. She needs to be interviewed now. The project seems to be somewhat daunting to me. Even though I am no stranger to research and writing, I don’t have the financial resources to film and record the interviews. Secondly, I’m not sure I have the time to do the total project justice. Lisa Jamieson seems to be interested in the project. She put out a query on Facebook asking for people, who would be willing to help with the project. It appears a number of people did respond, some with historical materials.”

“Cameron helped out Dr. Camilla Madden in the Veteran’s booth, and spent all most all of his time there. I was pretty much by myself and went to the Bent Alaska writer’s meeting at the Gzzrlist booth at 1PM. Hanging out near the stage, listening to the music, I enjoyed most of it, except for the punk band. My focus was on socializing with acquaintences and old friends. Judith Frank, my old hiking buddy.” ~Barbara Soule

“What was most striking to me about Pride Fest was how much the resilience of the LGBTQ community was on display. There were so many smiles, so much happiness, and enthusiasm. You would never guess that we had just had such a disappointing loss at the polls two months before. People were walking tall, looking each other in the eye, holding their heads up high. That’s what Pride is all about.”

~Tiffany McClain, Pride Foundation
“Year after year Alaska Pride Festival provides a safe place for Alaskans to celebrate and honor the diversity among us. This year was no different. From music to dance, drag to spoken word, to the Proclamation of LGBT Pride Month given by Elvi Gray-Jackson and Harriet Drummond, the 2012 Alaska Pride Festival was booming with love, laughter and dignity.

There are so many things I love about Pride. I love how many local business and agencies come out to show their support. I love the creativity invested in costumes, parade floats and performances. I love the energy exuded of peace and acceptance. I love that Pride offers people an opportunity to be whoever they are. To be whoever they want to be or are sometimes in secret or are openly without abandon.

Pride celebrates every inch of who we are and allows us to celebrate those parts in ourselves without shame and without fear of judgment or persecution. There are so many times throughout the year that we focus on the hate, the blinding intolerance and inexplicable discrimination. Pride allows people to take a big deep breath in and out again. It gives me hope.

It fills me with a knowing that it will get better, we will as a city, a state, a country and a world grow into a place where we celebrate every inch of diversity in each other and ourselves.”

~Enzina Marrari
Mya Michelle Dale

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Mya was pleased to have been selected to be a member of the Identity “I am Identity” Campaign. She was a volunteer at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, an Identity Alaska Pride Conference Workshop organizer, recipient of the Alaska Pride 2011 Young Adult Recognition Award, volunteer for the One Anchorage campaign, and active in UAA’s LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex and Ally) student club, The Family.

Mya attended UAA as a full-time student at the Anchorage campus since fall 2009 and was pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in economics with a minor in political science. She was a bright light in the community and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, classmates, and those most closely affected by Mya’s passing.
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“The parade was short yet dignified. I will definitely be back next year and encourage others to come. It was a place to meet old friends I had not seen in and while and meet new people in the community. Also next year I hope to dress a bit more wildly for the festivities.” ~Jaz

“I loved my experience at Drag Queen Bingo - everyone was so welcoming and fun to be around, and I definitely enjoyed the breeze under my skirt all night.” (Straight man who participated in Drag Queen Bingo. He came dressed in drag and had a great time.)

“For some years, I’ve been able to start the Pride Fest week with the cookout at the Raven, and attend all the events - go to the movies, play Drag Queen Bingo, attend the Pride parade and picnic and end with the Bear’s barbeque out behind Myrna’s. The kick off at the Raven usually includes meeting up with a bunch of friends, then inviting other people and new comers to the community to our table. It’s a great way to “catch-up-on-the-news” in a fun social way. We’ve never won a thing at Drag Queen Bingo, but we love going.”

“This was my second Pride Fest in Anchorage and it was the best! I liked the tents where they handed out water bottles. I liked the parade because it was colorful. We didn’t get to stay as long as I would have liked to. I hope every year gets better and better.” ~Icie, age 11
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