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Back in 1993, I remember being in what was then Pensacola's biggest and most popular gay bar called The Office. I was already in the long and arduous process of getting formal psychological and medical approval for gender reassignment surgery. Part of that was living for 18 months as a woman, even though I could not get that gender designation changed on my driver's license until after everything was completed. So sometimes I would go out to The Office because it was one of perhaps three spots in town where I could lose myself in the crowd. On Wednesday nights they would have a really great drag shows and I sort of became friends with one of the performers there named Loren Michaels. That girl could do a great Diva-era Annie Lennox and I had even turned her on to a great song by the Texas-based group 2 Nice Girls called "The Queer Song" for which she did a fabulous and elaborate dance routine.

Because Pensacola was a small town in many ways, word about me and my plans were pretty well known throughout the gay community at the time. Although I later met a couple of other MTF's, I was the first and only one in that town at the time who had the means and the drive to get the operation done as soon as possible. So it was because I was known about that a really cute and kind of feminine girl came up to me, and then started to give me a diatribe for what I was planning on doing.

She felt that I was a sham, a wolf in sheep's clothing. I was still a white male and they had all the power. I could never know what it was like to be a woman because I had never gone through all of the things a woman goes through in her evolution from a young girl to an adult. I could never know what it was truly like to grow up being a lesbian either. So, what right did I have to call myself a woman was her question?

To say that I was stung by her words would be an understatement. Until that moment, I felt that I was being accepted very well by the local gay and lesbian community, and even by most of the drag queens. Although not all of my old friends and family had taken my announcement well, I had always thought that gays and lesbians would be more tolerant of someone like me. It was a sad realization to come to that there would be some in my new community who would be just as unaccepting of me as some straight people were in my soon-to-be-former life.

I looked at her sadly and said, "I may not know everything that you have gone through in your life, but you do not know what my life has been like either or the pain that I have endured." Then I turned around and walked slowly away.

Over the years since that night, I have met some wonderful people, but there have times when I have experienced the subtle prejudice that can exist within our own community towards the transgendered. A question that I have learned to often dread when I meet someone new is "Are you a guy?",



especially since I like to think that I am semi-attractive, or the variant of that question "Are you a performer?", especially since I am not a good singer or dancer or even a good actress. However, there are other forms present in our community.

If I go to one of our local bars, I will usually see the girls and the boys staying mostly in their own little groups while the T-Girls mainly occupy their own corner. Then there is the whole butch/femme thing, the muscle boys and the less macho guys, and lest we forget the bisexuals. It can all get so confusing. For myself, I'll admit that I like dating a girl that no one would assume is my boyfriend because of the way she looks, but that doesn't mean that I would never date a butch girl either. Without divulging any secrets, we'll just say that I met a really sweet butch girl one time who made me feel like a queen, no pun intended.

I guess that my point is this, we get enough negative comments and ca-ca from homophobes and such that we should be more accepting of the differences within our community. Besides, I have always liked to believe that love can conquer all. Call me a dreamer.

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## Unity

Unity. Let the word sink  
down low.

Unity. Hear the connections, rallies, treasured moments  
of bonding around a fire.

All interrupted when a butch mocks a transsexual. “I don’t  
get it, man. I just don’t,” she sneered, gulping her soda.

Madison stared into the flames, trying to ignore the  
conversation. She didn’t get some people’s prejudice. Did they  
really not understand that the system that discriminated against  
them also created the stereotypes and misunderstandings against  
male-to-females? One minute the butch grumbled about women  
glaring at her at public restrooms as if she should enter the one at  
the other end of the hall. The next minute she insulted a nurse  
who was once a dude. Madison worked with that nurse. Cheryl  
was in pediatrics, not all that far from labor and delivery.

Without saying anything, Madison got up from the fire,  
walked away and let Guido explore more around the cabin. It was  
too late in the season to be out here anyway. One last attempt to  
deny winter’s impending arrival.

They were Stephanie’s friends, and Madison didn’t fit.

She hunched her shoulders and crunched leaves with her  
boots.

The full moon lit tiny trails that went in all directions. She  
almost wanted to get lost sometimes. The woman who ridiculed  
the loudest wanted to date Stephanie. Madison knew she shouldn’t  
feel jealous, but jealousy didn’t care about shoulds and crept up  
Madison’s back when she least expected it. Anchorage was  
crawling with Stephanie’s friendly exes and potentials.

Madison didn’t want to prove herself to them, didn’t want  
to pretend to know their television shows or enjoy their movies.  
She didn’t want to be their kind of pretty or witty.

She watched Guido’s breath.

Unity. What did that mean anyway?

Did that mean when you went to a gay bar in Nowhere,  
Illinois, and all the lesbians gave you the one eye because they  
thought you were straight and when you danced modern with a  
boy they told you that was inappropriate? And you felt cheated  
because your friend was returning to Ecuador soon and that meant  
back to the closet and a family that refused to accept him for who  
he was.

Unity. Was that when the lesbian bar and grill wouldn’t  
give you so much as a menu? “What?” your friend asked, “do we  
need to start making out to get some service?” She was your first  
girlfriend, but, like any good couple, you were now buddies.

Unity. Was that being afraid to admit to a girl that you  
liked dick because you also liked her and you weren’t sure how  
she would take it? Some lesbians didn’t think bisexuals should be  
in the pride parade because they hurt the gay image. Whatever  
that was supposed to be. And you didn’t use gay, bisexual,  
homosexual or straight to describe yourself but people slapped  
those labels onto you as if they knew your preferences by your

hair or who held your  
hand.

Unity.

Well, who else  
are we going to make fun  
of? Why scorn the  
patriarchy? We might be  
able to be like them one  
day. Let’s see, who’s  
lower than dykes on the  
food chain? Why,  
bisexuals, oh wait, better  
yet—transsexuals. Hah.  
Hah. Ew. Wasn’t that  
funny.

Madison kicked  
a stump and heard  
something behind her. Her skin prickled. She called Guido to her  
in case it was a moose.

Arms circled around her and someone kissed her neck.

“Your cheeks are cold,” Stephanie said, nuzzling Madison  
as she turned around. “Here, put your hands in my pockets.”

Madison hadn’t realized her fingers were growing numb.  
She laid her forehead on Stephanie chest.

“Hey,” Stephanie said, lifting Madison’s chin, “what’s  
wrong?”

Madison tried to look down but Stephanie wouldn’t let her.  
“I don’t belong in there,” Madison said, indicating to the  
cabin.

“Do you want to go home?”

Madison turned to the dark of the forest. “I don’t know.”

They stood in silence, listening to Guido sniff and dig and  
to the distant fire and voices.

“Cheryl is my friend,” Madison said.

Stephanie sighed. “I don’t know why Moe can be so mean  
sometimes. Maybe she likes to stir things up.”

“Talking can hurt too.”

“Yeah, it can.” Stephanie kissed the top of Madison’s head  
then temples, tightening her embrace. “Would you like my hat?”

“No, I’m okay.” Madison buried her hands deeper into  
Stephanie’s jacket. Stephanie seemed so sure of herself that crude  
remarks rolled off her. She heard them and cared, but they didn’t  
scar her. Madison was the privileged one—white and college-  
educated with an ability to wear skirts. Stephanie’s coworkers  
treated her like one of the guys, but she wasn’t a guy; she was a  
woman who spat and swore and didn’t cross her legs. She was  
strong enough to love her friends and Madison for who they were.



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# IMPERIAL COURT OF ALL ALASKA

## ICOAA Spotlight

News & Events from The Imperial Court of the Empire of All Alaska

**Greetings from Her Most Imperial Majesty The Ultimate Ecstasy Aurora Empress XXXII Kristara and His Most Imperial Majesty The Denali Black Diamond of the North Emperor XXXII Jacob Lawrence III.**

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**Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Hospitality 1-4pm; Mad Myrna's Hangover Breakfast 9:45-11am, \$6; Brown Bear Bus Run departs from the Raven 11:45am, arrives back in town 4:30pm; Out-of-Town Show at the Sheraton Anchorage, doors 8pm, show 9pm, \$15

**Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Hospitality 10am-3pm; Monarch's & Minion's Brunch at Sea Galley, noon-2:30pm, \$20; CORONATION XXXIII INVITATION, Your Ticket to a world of Oriental Fantasy & Egyptian Treasures, Sheraton Anchorage Howard Rock Ballroom, doors 5pm, Ball begins PROMPTLY at 6pm, \$40 (buffet dinner available)

**Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** - VICTORY BRUNCH, Josephine's at the Sheraton, 11am-1:30pm, \$20;

The San Francisco Party hosted by Empress Tiger Lily & Emperor John Richard, The Raven Bar, 4-8pm (or just stay and play); The Turn About Show at Myrna's, hosted by Rosie Rotten, show 8pm till ?

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**H.M.I.M. Emperor XXXII Jake Lawrence relaxes during the End of Pride BBQ June 26, sponsored by The Last Frontier Men's Club.**

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## Unity

Unity is exemplified in seeing friends. Many I have known for years and rarely see unless we find each other at Pride events or other annual festivities. It is enjoyable to talk to people who not only know who their friends are but are looking for new people to include in their life.

At the Center you can see Unity at work with lgbt/a people constantly keeping things going. The doors are open for people to come in and visit, use computers, check out books/movies or just hang out. The GLCCA is a happening place from 3-9 weekdays and 12-6pm on weekends. The unifying factor is the volunteer work of people from Identity.

Before the Pride Parade began an old lost friend told me she wanted to renew our friendship. She gave me her telephone number and invited me to call her. That is an example of refreshing bonds that strengthen Pride and Unity!

Many of you have heard about my dog, Bear, he would have really enjoyed being at the Pride events. He is a loving playful dog and loves everyone. I was aware that I could not handle Bear and my other responsibilities so Bear had to stay at home. He got lots of affection when I returned to my abode.

Unity is noting that agencies, organizations, and individuals can pull together their resources to see that an event such as Pride or Coming Out Day can happen be celebrated in our community and worldwide. If you have noted the world news Pride events have been documented all over our globe. I believe Unity is a factor in this happening.

*Lynne Sangster is a lesbian and lives with her wonderful dog Bear. She adores living in Alaska and considers Summertime a precious season.*



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## Partnership or Marriage

By Sylvia Short

In the annals of the law, a partnership is loosely defined as a joining together to make a profit. It can be composed of two or more parties, and the scope of the partnership is largely left to them to define. It is both praised and condemned, and the principle objection relates to the debts of one partner in relation to partnership matters being attributed to another partner and issues of taxation.

This is not unlike marriage. The so-called blessing of religion is absent, as it may, indeed, be in marriage, and in both cases the state wields a heavy hand in its commencement and ramifications. The main difference is in the formation of a partnership.

Instead of a license, a simple partnership can be formed by two people agreeing on a number of things relative to a certain object. The "profit" objective can be as straightforward as the search for companionship, and because an agreement with consideration on both sides is enforceable in law, all of the matters agreed upon should be in writing, signed by the parties, with a copy for each. There is no limit on what can be agreed upon with the proviso that strictly fanciful or emotional matters can hardly be enforced and "obscene" matters, like gambling, are ignored.

Such an agreement, not unlike a prenuptial agreement, can even provide for dissolution of the partnership. It can govern property matters, restraint on adverse actions, timing of activities, use of space, financial activities and everything that is not purely personal. And, of course, criminal activity is outside any agreement and handled through law enforcement.

The courts have long belabored the question of consideration, but in general anything done or given which one does not have to do or give constitutes "good" consideration. It's a tit-for-tat situation: I agree to make your bed; you agree to do our dishes. And fairness is an essential ingredient.

Marriage in the United States is something of a failure. A surprising number of marriages fail, and more and more Americans are cohabiting without the blessings of the state. However, statutes still provide, except in a few prudent "domestic partnership" jurisdictions, for spousal advantages not available to singles. And except for the instances where a well-drawn partnership agreement makes definite provisions relative to the division of property rights, obligations, and matters which could give more security to those "living together." Much as I loved my husband, I'm not so sure but what I'd prefer such an agreement to becoming a bride again! It could even be preferable to gay marriage!

## GALE SMOKE: QUEER BOOKS

It is, once again, with great anxiety that I venture into the area of gender identity – which is filled with mine fields – but on top of that, the book I’m reviewing includes a healthy dose – as would be expected – of queer theory as well. Riki Wilchins is a transsexual – more specifically, MTF – who is also the founding executive director of GenderPAC (the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition), and her ‘primer’ is entitled *Queer Theory, Gender Theory* (Alyson Books, 2004). And although it’s a short book – of about 160 pages – it is hardly a primer. This material is, in places, tough going.

The author realized the power of words as early as high school – and how they could hurt people – and particular language is critical to her take on women’s, gay and transgender rights. Queer theory is a tool for her in this journey, since – to Wilchins’ thinking – it is at heart of power and how that power is tied to identity, language and difference. Two philosophers she relies on for guidance in this regard are both from France – Jacques Derrida and Michael Foucault. The former asserted, back in 1965, that gender was language and tied to meanings and symbols that involved rules, privileges, and punishments. And Foucault noted how the Enlightenment had actually shifted the central issue of sex from pleasure and technique to morality.

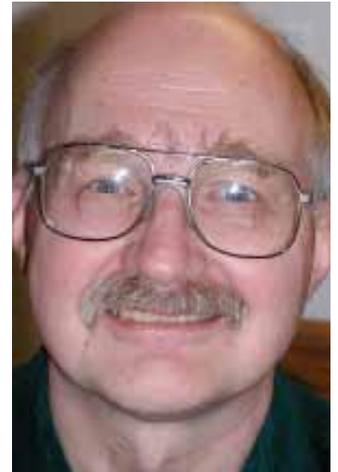
From these thinkers, the author discusses the oppression of binary gender, in which the categories of ‘male’ and ‘female’ as well as ‘masculinity’ and ‘femininity’ are so critical to identity. And, in our contemporary world, identity politics are practiced. Many so-called progressives simply foster this dichotomy – such as feminists who question the ‘woman-ness’ of a MTF transsexual, and gay rights advocates who have difficulty making cause with bisexual and transgender people.

As the author points out, this can be quite painful for transgender and inter-sexed people. The rigidity of binary identity and the insensitivity to the inner sense of

gender identity for many folks is truly oppressive. Many times, certain people’s identities are ‘medicalized’ using such ‘diagnoses’ as gender dysphoria, prehomosexual behavior, fetishistic transvestitism, gender identity disorder – and so forth.

The author shows that seemingly ‘set’ demographic categories, such as race and gender, are actually quite dynamic and fluid. And if there is a plea in this work, it is to look at the idea and reality of ‘gender’ as something that is continuing to unfold, with new truth and truths being revealed as time passes. If we are to accord so many among us true human dignity, we had better move in this direction.

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### Fun In Eklutna

Memorial Day was warm and sunny at the Eklutna Picnic Grounds. I am guessing that around two to three hundred GLBT folk of all ages showed up for the fun. My hat is off to the Imperial Court of All Alaska for putting the whole thing together for us. The music, emcees, high heel races, and egg toss games were entertaining. The Sobes, hot dogs, hamburgers, and salads were perfect picnic fare for those of us who did not bring anything to munch.

Identity Inc (publisher of the NorthView, and organizer of the PrideFest) was selling the new 2005 Pridefest t-shirts, as you know by now it was another great design.

The Metropolitan Community Church had a bake sale with pies, cakes, brownies, cheesecake, lemon bars and more.

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association was there handing out information.

Herman Coen was there with his H.C. Designs' beautiful handmade pride jewelry.

The Triangle Ranch sold gay books at their table.

There were volleyball games from opening at noon until closing at 5:00pm.

All of this was a demonstration of the theme for this month's issue of the NorthView which is, "Unity in the Community". We all played together well. There were many groups represented, but the members of those groups had friends in the other groups, or made some as there was a lot of mingling and fun. We had both unity and diversity. The sense of community was visible everywhere you looked.

On another note, I am moving again and must cut this article short. I will write more next month, but let me say that I recommend the Eklutna picnic for everyone. (The people-watching alone made it worth the short trip). See you there next year!



Memorial Day Picnic photo by Dee Gould



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1. Dykes on Bikes
2. Mad Myrna's Friday Night Divas
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1. Gay Straight Alliance
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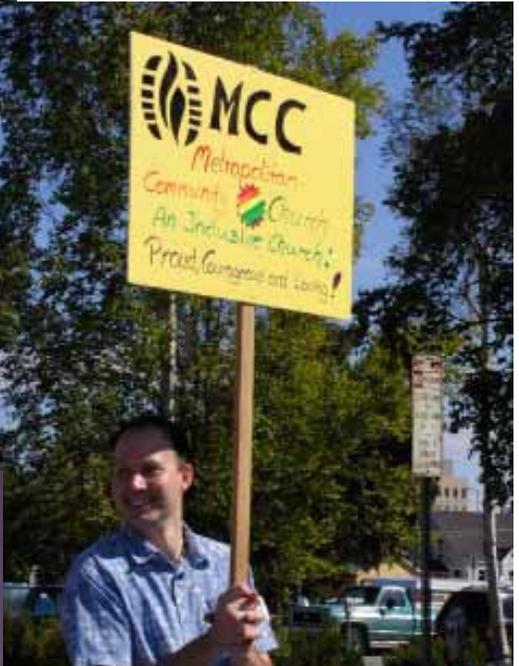
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## Identity Programs

- Winter & Spring Living Out Loud Youth Program
- June PrideFest (6/20-27/2004)
- October Pride Conference
- Daily Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA). Ste. 103, 2110 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage. 907-929-4528
- Nightly Helpline for GLBT information and referrals (6 PM to 11 PM). 907-258-4777 or 888-901-9876
- Monthly *NORTHVIEW* newsmagazine

## Fairbanks Events

- Tue PFLAG, 5:30 PM, third Tuesday, 604 Barnette Street, Room101, 907-45P-FLAG.
- Fri Free anonymous HIV testing, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Interior AIDS Association, 710 Third Ave.
- "Outlooks," 5:30 - 7 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5
- Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Arctic Bears, first Friday, 907-479-8680
- Sat Socializing and dancing, 9 PM - 3:30 AM, Club G (mix crowd), 150 Farmer's Loop
- Sun Homophonic Radio, 3-5 PM, KSUA-FM 91.5

## Juneau Events

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

## 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 IMRU2, 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 (4A's), 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, 4105 Turnagain Blvd., Suite G2, 334-9984
- 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, 276-9762 (Jim)

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## OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

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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](http://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](mailto:akclu@akclu.org).

**Alaskans for Civil Rights (ACR)**, a locally organized and operated statewide political organization dedicated to obtaining full civil rights for lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender, polyamorous, and intersexual people in all aspects of personal and public life. 907-566-ACR1. [AlaskansforCivilRights@yahoo.com](mailto:AlaskansforCivilRights@yahoo.com)

**Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Joyous, & Free.** AA group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered individuals, and their allies. Open non-smoking meeting Mondays 7 PM to 8 PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA).

**Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.** GLBT-friendly liberal religious church, where people of all beliefs are welcome. 3201 Turnagain St., Anchorage. 907-248-0715.

**Anchorage Women's Political Caucus.** Open to all women. 7pm, first Wednesday. Elmer's Restaurant: New Seward and Fireweed.

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

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

**Breast and Cervical Health Check**, a cancer screening service offered by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Free breast and cervical cancer screening is available to women ages 18 - 64 who have no insurance or whose insurance does not cover these services. Call the YWCA of Anchorage for eligibility guidelines, enrollment, and group presentation opportunities: 907-644-9620 (Anchorage), 1-800-410-6266 (statewide).

**Celebration of Change**, a performance of women artists for women. [celebrationofchange@email.com](mailto:celebrationofchange@email.com)

**Committee for Equality.** Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803. [bsara@gci.net](mailto:bsara@gci.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](http://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](mailto: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. [fbagla@uaf.edu](mailto:fbagla@uaf.edu), [www.uaf.edu/agla](http://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) [fhillman@alaska.net](mailto:fhillman@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 GLBTA community in Alaska. Programs include the Gay and Lesbian HelpLine, NorthVIEW, PrideFest, Living Out Loud Youth Conference/Seminars, and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage. P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520-0070. 907-929-GLBT. [www.identityinc.org](http://www.identityinc.org)

**Imperial Court of All Alaska (ICOAA)**, sponsors the Memorial Day weekend Eklutna picnic, the Fur Rondy parade float for the GLBT community, PrideFest Festival on the Parkstrip, Labor Day weekend Coronation, and numerous other events. PO Box 104032, Anchorage, AK 99510-4032. [www.icoaa.org](http://www.icoaa.org)

**IMRU2**, 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-IMRU(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).

## OVERVIEW: RESOURCES

**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 Myra's, 530 E. 5th Avenue. "Dinner Night Out" and several campouts are open to all throughout the summer. Check the website for information and list of community events. 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. rosebethlevno@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. 907-279-3800. volunteer@outnorth.org www.outnorth.org

**PFLAG of Anchorage (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)**. Meetings: 7 PM third Thursdays except November & December. Immanuel Presbyterian Church: 2311 Pembroke St. 907-566-1813 (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 prideonthepark@yahoo.com

**Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)**: a 12-Step program. Meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. 907-566-1133 (for meeting times and places).

**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 (Jan).

**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: alaskaglbnews@yahoo.com

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

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

**Grrlz List**, a mailing list for the Women's Community. Event announcements, inquiries, issue discussion, and relevant topics of concern for women. Delivered every Thursday. GrrlzList@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 82290, Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-45P-FLAG.

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