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### Thanks For The Memories

It is a Sunday evening as I write this and winter will soon be here again. There is already a chill in the air. I enjoy winter in Alaska. I love the snow. Growing up in Pensacola, we rarely ever had snow. There was this one time when we got a couple of inches in January of 1973. I was in the tenth grade at the time and it was a Friday. We were sent home a couple of hours early because people in Florida are not used to snow. Those couple of inches pretty much closed down the town for the weekend. I even had my first chance to make a snowman on Saturday. Granted he was only about two inches high, but it was fun to make. I even have a photo somewhere of me and the snowman. It is the only photo of me that I have kept of what I refer to as “*my past life*”.

The next time that I was fortunate to see a significant amount of snow was when I traveled to Montreal for three weeks in November of 1994. When I started the process to have gender reassignment surgery in early 1992, my goal was to have the operation by the end of 1994. I had gotten final approval from my therapists in September of that year after doing a day long session filled with Rorschach Tests, MMPI's and I.Q. Tests. Their conclusions were best summed up by myself as “I'm not crazy and I know what I'm doing”. After much research, I chose a surgeon whose practice was based in Montreal. So on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1994, I flew to Montreal for three weeks.

I had decided to go to Montreal a week before the surgery so that I could have some time to play tourist. I figured that after the operation my mobility might be a little limited and so I wanted to enjoy my first trip to another country. I took an acquaintance with me by the name of Celeste because I wanted someone along in case of any complications.

We stayed at a Bed and Breakfast on Wolfe Street, a block from St. Catherine Street East, in the French area of town. The B&B was run by these two gay men and they let me rent a little two story home right next to their main B&B. It had a main bedroom on the second floor with the bathroom, which I took for myself. On the first floor was a furnished kitchen and living room with cable TV and a sleeper sofa, which Celeste said was very comfortable. We even went shopping at a local market for croissants which we had for breakfast several times.

It snowed on Tuesday evening as we were walking back from a local gay bar that we had found listed in a lesbian travel guide. Celeste had her cane with her as she had wrecked her left leg in a flag football game a couple of years

prior. Soon we started to notice the snowflakes dancing through the cool night air. As we turned onto Wolfe Street, we did a little snow dance in the middle of the quiet street before turning in.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated in October and coincides with our Columbus Day. That

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, was when Thanksgiving was being celebrated in the U.S. and I decided to treat both of us to a fine dinner somewhere. We took the subway to the section of town called Old Montreal and spent the afternoon wandering around this very Old European-looking area of the city. Down narrow cobblestone streets we strolled surrounded by buildings which looked a couple of hundred years old. We decided to try to find a traditional French restaurant for our Thanksgiving dinner.

It was a four star establishment with low lighting, linen table cloths and a wonderfully gracious staff. Celeste ordered the stuffed lobster and I, deciding to sort of keep with the Thanksgiving/Poultry connection, ordered Cog au Vin (chicken in a red wine sauce). We also had a carafe of the house white wine with dinner. We talked and laughed and both agreed that it was one of the best Thanksgiving feasts that either of us had had in years.

When Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> came a few days later, I was glad to have spent some time exploring Montreal. It made having the surgery even more sweeter having fallen in love with a beautiful city. This year, my “second birthday”, as I like to call it, falls once again on the Monday after Thanksgiving. I will celebrate my second birthday as I have every year since, as a time for giving thanks for the life I have now.

*On her second birthday, Nicole Blizzard will be eleven, though she doesn't look a day over ten. She can be reached at [nicole-b92@msn.com](mailto:nicole-b92@msn.com) or [northview@identityinc.org](mailto:northview@identityinc.org)*



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### *DAD'S CORNER: CHUCK HART*

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#### **Thankfulness**

I am thankful for my family, especially my three children, my parents and supportive sister, Sue. Sue moved to Anchorage and has been a godsend.

I am thankful for friends like Dan who keeps me moving when I get depressed, Sid who just understands, and Kihata who cracks me up with his over the top comedy and his five hour visits to Anchorage from Vancouver BC. He keeps my Japanese in shape. I am thankful for other friends too numerous to mention here.

I am thankful for a tenuous peace that is growing with time between my ex-wife and me.

I am thankful to have a place to meditate and gather with gay, lesbian, bi, trans, and straight allies in my church, the Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage. I get (no pun intended) moral support there and have fun talking with people.

I am thankful to have a warm place to sleep - some don't.

I am thankful for clean warm clothes (funny looking though they may be) - some are not as well off.

I am thankful to have enough food to eat - some don't.

Please give to the Food Bank this holiday season.



Happy Thanksgiving! Thanks for reading!

## Community Profile: Emily Craver

Emily Craver is a familiar face to those who frequent Mad Myrna's on Wednesday or Saturday nights. This beautiful tall woman with a friendly smile is more than just a bartender though. She is also a teacher, business woman and athlete.

She was born in Port Angeles, Washington just before her dad retired from the Air Force. When he retired they moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia where she lived until about the age of twenty. Growing up, she remembers playing in her father's boat and when her mother asked where she was going, she would answer "Alaska". In 1996, while a student at Old Dominion College, she got an invitation to visit the last frontier from her oldest sister who lives here with her husband. So Emily and her then girlfriend loaded up a truck with all they could, including a box of cassettes, and drove from Virginia to Alaska in six days. She has been here ever since.

For about 3 years, she worked at a variety of places while she competed as a power lifter. She even won a Junior National title one year but has since moved on to other interests, such as scuba diving.

Although she knew that she was attracted to women as early as the third grade, when she had a crush on her teacher, she did not come out to her parents until she was eighteen. Considering the horror stories that she has heard over the years, she was glad that they took it fairly well. She feels that she has had a pretty good life and her only regret is that she never complete her college degree. She says that she still has not decided what she wants to be when she grows up, though she thinks being a gay superhero would be nice or a lesbian icon.

Going back to the kind of job she did in college, she worked as a bartender in several local straight bars before getting what she calls her dream job, a position at Mad Myrna's. Originally, she started out as a "junior" cocktail server two years ago before moving into her current position. She has since branched into other ventures as well. She is the owner of Bar Stars Professional Bartending School at 5430 B Street. She started there as an instructor three years ago and last year, she bought it from the original owner when he moved. She has about ten students a month and Bar Stars is the only bartending school in the state. It is also an authorised trade school. She tells people that a bad day at bartending school is still better than any other job, except for Myrna's. She is hoping to expand and be a successful business woman one day, and give money to the gay causes that are close to her heart. So the next time you see her, be sure to say "Hello".



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## LYNNE SANGSTER

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### Giving Thanks

Okay, folks I guess we can say ‘thanks for the memories’ to our former lovers and flings. We can say thank you to our friends for being just a phone call away when a listening ear was needed. I find it fairly easy to say thank you for those parts of my life.

I have over the years had a lot more of a struggle learning how to give thanks to God(dess) for life. If I had not been hospitalized in 1989 in Minneapolis I would not have met my longterm treasured friend Jayne. We have been great friends for sixteen years now. I am thankful for Jayne!

Several times in my youth I hiked in nearby trails. On one trail I was able to sit on the side of a hill and feel the spray of a waterfall while eating wild blueberries from the hillside. Those memories will be a lasting relaxing memory which I am always thankful to remember.

In 1990 I travelled to Washington, D.C. with friends, old and new. It was the first time I had been to a March of GLBT Equality. I sang and chanted and carried signs all day. It was the beginning of my liberation and decision to use my power as a citizen to speak out to Senators and Congressional leadership. I am thankful that I was given the tools and empowerment by being with other LGBT people at that time.

I have learned throughout the years that the God(dess) of my understanding is accepting, loving and caring. I don't find judgment or condemnation anywhere. I am thankful that I am accepted as I am. I feel loved daily and I feel the caring and nurturing aspects of my God(dess) when I pray and meditate. I am thankful for a this understanding.

*Lynne Sangster writes on a regular basis for Northview. Her dog Bear slumbers by her side and only offers a gentle snore or two. If you wish to respond to Lynne or Bear you may do so at [sangsterlynne@yahoo.com](mailto:sangsterlynne@yahoo.com)*

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### Drifter's Love Song

Love me, love me,  
but only just so much –  
and know that you won't grieve  
when I leave you in the morning

Don't love me the way  
I love the wind in my hair,  
the fork in the road,  
the whistle of a train,  
the smell of a place I've never been

I'll love you like my hometown –  
inside me deep  
yet easy to desert,  
a memory of happy  
with no need to return

Love me like the cloud  
with the dragon's shape  
breathing fire just for you –  
I'll be king of the world for a moment  
then disperse into formless sky

Love me, love me,  
need me just for tonight –  
tomorrow I'll need pavement  
singing under my wheels,  
spinning away the miles,  
the days, the years  
of a solitary life in motion

Love me like a song that  
you forgot you'd always  
loved,  
a song that makes you  
shout and dance  
but still only lasts 3  
minutes –  
to love me any more  
would be a danger  
and you're too smart for  
that

So love me now  
then forget my love-in-  
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as I'm careening  
towards the next boy  
who will love me,  
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### SORTING THROUGH MATERIALS FOR SOCIOLOGY 387

As in the past, I'll use the month of November to depart from my normal, *Queer Books*, column and promote my class, Sociology 387 – Gay and Lesbian Lifestyles – that will be offered at UAA in Spring Semester (which starts in January). It's a three-credit class, but because it is also an interest class, we always have a lot of people auditing it as well (which they may do multiple times). And, because of this, I waive all prerequisites.

Due to increased enrollment, the class has been offered annually since 2003, and it has been interesting to see how the demographics of the students in the class have changed over time. What started out as largely a class of gays and lesbians, with a few straight women, now has a good mix of gay and straight people. And a couple of years ago, some young straight men began taking the class. Last spring we had another evolution, the appearance of a number of straight couples enrolled. This increased diversity has certainly been welcome and provides the raw material for better discussions.

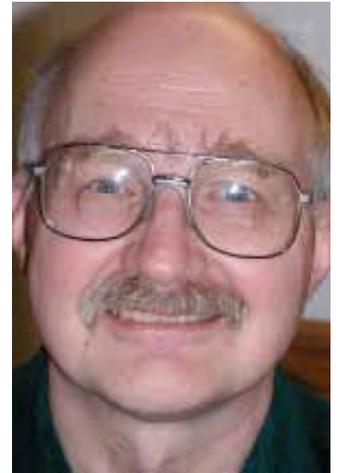
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I will still offer a choice as far as books which the students may read for the class. The only 'repeat' book from last year is *Why Marriage?* by George Chauncey (Perseus Books, 2004). Despite the title, it actually covers a lot of the early history of the gay rights movement, showing how it evolved to a place where it is so concerned, right now, about marriage rights. Although final selection has not been made, I'm considering



using Don Clark's latest edition of *Loving Someone Gay* (Celestial Arts, 2005). This work offers good advice for gays and those who love them, and it has definitely been updated from past editions. After many less than perfect selections, I believe I've found an excellent book on Bisexuality: William E. Burleson's *Bi America* (Harrington Park Press, 2005) is very readable and covers a wide range of issues. Finally, in August, my trip to San Francisco allowed me to discover a new work on transgender folks: Deborah Rudacille's *The Riddle of Gender: Science, Activism, and Transgender Rights* (Pantheon Books, 2005).

I've also found a number of new videos – once again, documentaries will play a large role in the class. I'm especially pleased with some new videos I found about religion, gay youth and dealing with transgender issues. In fact, the 'trans' part of the course will be larger this coming year.

In the past, members of our community have proven very generous in consenting to guest speaking in the class, and I will be drawing on this willingness again. I just think that having 'real folks' discussing the day-to-day consequences of gay parenting, parenting gay kids, living as gay and lesbian couples, and so forth is much better than the instructor 'lecturing' on the topic.

Again, the class starts in January and will be offered on Monday nights, from 5:30 to 8:15 pm. If you have any questions about the course, please contact me by phone or email. (333-6813 or [glsmoke@alaska.net](mailto:glsmoke@alaska.net)).

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## CAM BONHAM

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### GIVING THANKS

Admittedly at times I can be like Oscar the Grouch and so when I found out the topic was giving thanks, my attitude kicked in and I thought Bah Humbug and figured I'd give this topic a pass and then something happened that made me reconsider. The band Full Circle was performing at Mad Myrna's (Oct. 1), Barbara, myself and my friend Lynne had gone to Mad Myrna's a couple of weeks ago to listen to them, Barbara and Lynne danced with each other and anyone else they could get out on the dance floor, I managed a couple of slow dances and we had a great time. So when I got an email from Teresa about the band playing at Mad Myrna's again, we decided that we had such a good time the last time that we'd do it again. With the promise of a few more slow dances we set out to have a good time.

What I didn't know at the time was that this was a fundraiser for a member of the community whose Mom lost everything including her home in the wake of the recent hurricanes. Now we've all seen the pictures on TV and the newspaper, while things are tight right now with Barbara not working, I had still managed to donate some money to the Red Cross a couple of different times but there wasn't anything personal involved. Though I have friends all over the US, there wasn't anyone I knew affected by hurricane and it felt very distant and far away from my life here in Anchorage.

That was then and now as I listened to Lee talk about her Mom mourning the loss of her home and I heard in her voice the sorrow over the loss of her childhood home. Oscar the Grouch was suddenly gone and I realized that I could write about giving thanks and mean it. See my 84 year old Mom still lives in my childhood home in Montana, my Dad died some years ago but so far she's been able to live independently on her own. I got to thinking, how would I feel if something were to happen to my childhood home? How would I feel to know my mother had to leave her home of over 50 years and could never go back to it because it was so damaged, it had to be torn down? Full Circle was donating the money collected from the cover charge and their tips and they had a jar up front, where others could donate to the cause. The cynicism that I felt disappeared, as I watched a community come together to help someone they didn't know, just because she's the mother to one of our own in the community. In the midst of this, I started to think about all the things in my life that I should be thankful for. Much to my surprise, I discovered the list is long, a lot longer than I would have imagined. So as not to bore you, I'm just going to list the most important ones.

In November, Barbara and I will celebrate our 13th anniversary together, last year around this time as I was coming to grips with who I really am, I was afraid I was

going to lose her in the process. Today as I continue my transition to become a man, she has become one of my staunch

supporters. I have a bunch of good friends, some of whom didn't even know when I started this what a transsexual was and certainly didn't count among their friends. After being out of work for over two years, I have a job today and it's not only a job that I like, I don't worry about them finding out that I'm transitioning, as they

hired me knowing that from the very beginning. The depression and the suicidal thoughts that I've fought since my teen years, have all but disappeared and I find myself enjoying life and looking forward to the future. Last but not least, I started a group on the web, I've joined some other groups and I've made some friends there too. The group I started is called Transgendered In Alaska and the purpose of the group is to provide information and support to other TS people here in Alaska, we have 15 members now and continue to grow. Last but not least, I'm continuing to reestablish a relationship with a Higher Power, that I started last year. I don't pretend to know all the answers of life or for that matter, even the answer as to why I was created male in a female body and I may never know in this lifetime. But I'm finding some peace in my life at last, I'm not running from my life or who I am anymore and at age 50, it looks like I'm finally growing up. Thanks for listening.



*Cameron has been busy juggling work and the new Fall TV season. Despite that he can still be found most Friday afternoons at the GLCCA as a volunteer. Feel free to stop by and say hi, if you're in the area.*

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## Thanks

A short story by Laura Carpenter

“I’m thankful for your nipples,” Madison said, circling Stephanie’s areola.

“Stop that,” Stephanie said, swatting. She was trying to get dressed for work. “Why do you like my breasts so much?”

Madison leaned back on the bed, her socks sliding a little on the carpet and her eyes never leaving Stephanie’s chest. “Because they’re beautiful and they’re yours. Why don’t you like them?”

“I like them just fine,” Stephanie said, swatting again so Madison couldn’t kiss her belly as she put on her bra and shirt. Madison ducked in quickly, managing a couple quick pecks. Stephanie didn’t fight her too hard, but she knew if she didn’t pull on her sweater quickly they’d be back on the bed and she’d be late. Again.

For a couple weeks, the tension from Madison’s imminent departure made every discussion taunt, as if full of hidden meanings. Finally one evening they both exploded at the silliest things. When the yells subsided, they realized they liked each other too much to separate sooner than needed. Since then they’d been goofy and giddy like new lovers, but the air of finality still tinged interactions like a subtle metal aftertaste. In less than two months, Madison would fly away to work with an international medical organization.

“Will I see you tonight?” Madison pursed her lips and tried to look as hopeful as possible.

“Maybe...”

Suddenly Guido ran past in the other room barking so loud that an intruder could have broken into the house. Madison investigated and didn’t spot anything. “Probably just a bird,” she said as Stephanie laced up her boots, “he goes crazy for nearly no reason sometimes.”

Stephanie nodded and for a brief moment Madison wondered if she could get her to live with her when she returned. Both agreed that six months was a long time to wait, and neither had been too happy with long-term relationships in the past. But Madison wanted to demand loyalty and even (a first for her) monogamy. Despite her best efforts, Madison was a hopeless romantic at heart. She wanted the dream—the life partner, the family, the shared memories. Before Stephanie, she had been content to think she would never marry or settle down. She enjoyed evading people’s desires to see her slip a ring on her finger or take a joint mortgage.

Someone had already agreed to sublet her house during her time away, her sister Lily would take her dog, and Madison would be damned if anyone would take her girl, but she didn’t know how to stop it. Even if Stephanie had a desire to go to Guatemala (where it seemed most likely Madison would be stationed, awaiting final arrangements), the program wouldn’t let them stay together.

She kept hearing over and over in her head that story about releasing a bird. “If you love it, you’ll set it free...”

“What’s wrong?” Stephanie asked after they kissed goodbye.

Madison forced a smile. “Sometimes I miss you already.”

“Come here, baby.” Stephanie held her, strong and tight. Madison’s fears and tears faded into Stephanie’s Carhartt jacket. She felt so lucky, so amazingly lucky to be there in that woman’s arms. “Listen, we’re gonna have a good time before you go. None of those little Latin American chicas are going to steal my girl.”

Madison’s smile was real this time. “Have a good day at work.”

“Enjoy your day off. Don’t go do anything crazy.”

“Just my yellow fever shot.”

They kissed and said goodbye one more time. Madison stayed at the door until the cold came into her robe and Stephanie’s truck was gone. Guido pounced toward the window again, barking as ferociously as possible.

“Guido!” Madison shouted. “Nothing’s there! See! Nothing!” She started. A bull moose stared back into the window, as if searching for Madison. Her breath choked in her chest. The moose turned toward the mailbox, and Guido woofed lowly a couple more times. “If I’d kept the door open any longer, he would have walked right in,” Madison said, patting Guido’s head and cinching her robe tighter. It was time to get dressed.

*Laura Carpenter lives and writes in Anchorage. She is thankful for a great many things, including the privilege to enjoy the people and activities she loves.*



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# World AIDS Day 2005

## Shatter the Stigma



November 28, 2005 - December 2, 2005

### Events

December 1, 2005  
December 2, 2005

Candlelight Vigil at Alaska Native Heritage Center 7 p.m.  
Drag Show at Mad Myrna's 9 p.m.

More events to be announced at [www.alaskan aids.org](http://www.alaskan aids.org)

### Art Contest

The Four A's is hosting a community wide art contest with a \$500 first prize in both a Community Wide category and a high school category. Deadline for entries is November 11. Visit [www.alaskan aids.org](http://www.alaskan aids.org) for more information and to download the entry form.

### Red Ribbon Campaign

The Four A's encourages everyone to wear their Red Ribbons on December 1st in recognition of World AIDS Day and the fact that HIV is still alive in our community. Visit [www.alaskan aids.org](http://www.alaskan aids.org) for a list of local businesses and organizations where you can pick up a red ribbon.

Visit [www.alaskan aids.org](http://www.alaskan aids.org) or call 263-2046 for more information.

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Phyllis Rhodes,  
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**Thank you,**  
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Less than all days are adopted each month, but the rent at the GLCCA goes on. If you would like to adopt some special day but can't come up with \$50.00 at one time, give Phyllis a call for some suggestions on adopting your special day or days. 929-4528

- 1 Doran Vaughan & Steven Jacquier supporting the GLCCA
- 2 Victoria Shaver for Cooke's birthday
- 4 Honoring Empress XXXIII Kristara  
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- 6 Anne Marie Sack for Senie's Birthday
- 6 Susannah Morgan's Birthday!
- 8 Diana Wolfe's Birthday!
- 9 Charlie Hamilton's Birthday!
- 10 Melba Cooke & Myrna's for the Fetish Ball
- 11 Tim Pearson & Brian Chen's Anniversary!
- 12 Tim Pearson & Brian Chen for Jeremy Fagaa's Birthday
- 12 Sue Salas Peterson wishes Dan a happy birthday
- 15 Jean Meyer & Premier Tax Service for Phyllis' shirt
- 16 Artemis Bona Dea & Lori Trummer's marriage
- 17 James Martin in honor of Mark Cote's birthday
- 19 Jim Bruce
- 27 Teresa McPherson
- 29 Sue Detwiler for her partner's birthday
- 29 Marion Richter for Don Richter's birthday
- 30 Sharon Rudolph....just because

Your GLCCA staff volunteers appreciate the financial support given to the Community Center—it takes the entire team to have a safe place for our community. Since there is now a sign on our building, more visitors are finding their way to our Center. It is especially nice to see more young people coming in (or is that "coming out"?).

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## EVENTVIEW

### Identity Programs

- Winter & Spring Living Out Loud Youth Program
- June PrideFest (6/17-25/06)
- October Pride Conference (10/22/05)
- 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
- "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.com](http://www.icoaa.com)

**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).

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**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** seeking support call 907-566-1813 (voicemail).

**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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