

NORTHVIEW

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Pride Conference 2007: Change, Hope & Celebration!

As the days get shorter, the list of cool things to do in Anchorage gets longer. One event you'll want to "save the date" for is Identity's annual Pride Conference, to be held October 20 at Alaska Pacific University.

If you've never attended the Pride Conference, you're in for a treat. If you have, you know the conference is unique each year, with inspiring speakers, innovative and interactive workshops, fun and fellowship. It's a chance to see old friends or make some new ones. A time to reflect on where we are as a community, where we've been, and where we're going.

This year's theme is "Change, Hope & Celebration!" We'll look at how GLBTA life has changed over the decades, and celebrate those changes. And we'll look forward to our future with hope and celebration.

"I'm really excited to announce that our keynote speaker this year is **Dr. Ellen Cole**," explains **Rev. Johnathan Jones**, chair of this year's conference. "Some of you may remember her from two years ago when she provided opening remarks at Pride Conference 2005." Dr. Cole (right) is professor of psychology at APU and Alaska's only registered sex therapist. Her keynote address is called "Old and New: Perspectives from a Sex Therapist."



Conference registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth, and includes continental breakfast, lunch and admission. Scholarships are available.

You may pre-register at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage, or the morning of the conference at the APU Atwood Center. Conference hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Rev. Johnathan at 250-8302 or revjohnathan@gmail.com.

"I hope you will make this year's conference," says Rev. Johnathan. "It will be a great day of fun, friends and learning!"

Alaska Pride Conference 2007 is sponsored by Identity, Inc. and the APU Colors Club.

Here's another date worth saving! Supervolunteers Steve and Sage and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage will host a Thanksgiving Day dinner and open house from 3-6pm at the GLCCA. Bring a favorite dish and join us!

Identity congratulates Ken & Mary Bess, Emperor & Empress 35 of All Alaska



A message from the new Monarchs:

Our primary goals are to unite the community and, through more effective and efficient fundraising, support the long-standing and noble tradition of **The Imperial Court of Alaska** of providing educational assistance through scholarships.

This is truly a diverse community. This diversity is not a weakness, but a strength—provided it can be tapped effectively. The true key here is communication.

It is important for all members of this community to remember that without *everyone*—as different from each other we may be—we are all alone unless we work together. People must be willing to share their needs, as well as their gifts, to truly come together and make a difference. It is our goal to be that bridge to encourage and facilitate communication.

Mary Bess

The Aurora Arctic Flaming
Fairygodmother Empress 35

Ken

The Denali Dragon Emperor 35



Identity shares raffle winnings with partners



The **Pride Foundation** recently conducted an online *Raffle With a Twist*. People throughout the northwest region (AK, ID, MT, OR and WA) were urged to log on and vote for the nonprofit organization they felt was most deserving. The most named organization in each state was selected to receive \$1,000.

Identity, Inc. received the most votes in Alaska. Then we learned it was a very close race between **Identity, MCC Anchorage, PFLAG Fairbanks** and **PFLAG Juneau**. So the Board of Directors decided the fair thing to do was to split our winnings four ways with these deserving partner organizations.

Warm thanks to all of you who voted and especially to **Cam Bonham** for alerting many of us to this opportunity from the Pride Foundation. PF will host the *Raffle With a Twist* again in 2008, so be sure to vote for the GLBTA organization of your choice and keep Pride dollars coming to Alaska!

IDENTITY NEWS



Tonei Glavinic is the newly appointed youth representative to the Identity Board of Directors.

Tonei is a high school senior at Steller and a regional student coordinator with GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network). Tonei is heavily involved in LGBT activism on a national level through GLSEN's student leadership team and co-chair of the National Transgender Education Project Youth Review Board, and locally with GLSEN Alaska and the Anchorage Gay-Straight Alliance Coalition.



Identity GLBTA Fund is off & running!

Amazing! The Identity GLBTA Fund at Alaska Community Foundation is off to a "flying start." The fund was established three months ago and already we have gifts totaling \$9,280.

We've heard rumors that this new endowment fund is being named in the wills of individuals who want to assure GLBTA programs will continue to support our community for years to come. Your donations are tax deductible and there are tax advantages if you name the Fund in your will. Talk with your financial advisor today!



Introducing: The Identity Advocacy Team

The Identity Advocacy Program was a twinkle in the eye of an Identity board member when we received an invitation from the Leadership Anchorage Program (a part of the Alaska Humanities Forum) to submit a project proposal.

A team of five leaders jumped at the opportunity to work on an advocacy project for Identity. The team is a respected and diverse group who individually and collectively will educate the larger Alaskan community to build GLBT equality.

Working as "Voices for Equality," the **Identity Advocacy Team** will recruit and train additional team members and market its existence and services to educators, social workers, healthcare providers, public safety offices, corporate and civic leaders, faith communities, agencies and organizations.

Already the team has worked with UAA and APU to train student leaders, conducted a workshop at the Office of Public Advocacy, and participated in the Mayor's Diversity Month.

The team takes a proactive approach by providing a visible, sustainable presence in the community, rather than reacting to issues brought to the attention of the public through media.

The Identity Advocacy Team will help Alaskans think of GLBT persons as valued community members and neighbors.



PHILANTHROPY: the effort or inclination to increase the wellbeing of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations.

Hey, that could be YOU!

It's that time of year again—a good time to support the Adopt-A-Day Program at the GLCCA or make a direct donation to Identity for other GLBTA programs. Three adopt-a-days would be less than 10% of your total Permanent Fund Dividend. Find the form at www.identityinc.org.

It's also time for annual workplace giving campaigns. If you work for an agency that participates in **Alaska Community Share**, you can select Identity to receive your workplace pledge.

GLCCA Adopt-a-Day Sponsors

The following cool people supported the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage through the Adopt-a-Day program during the third quarter of 2007!

- 7/1/2007 Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh, 4th anniversary of arrival in Alaska
7/2/2007 Sena Ramsey
7/3/2007 Bert Mead & Steve Cook
7/6/2007 Michelle Wozniak, for Cheri's birthday
7/8/2007 Sage Tremberth, for CeCe's birthday
7/10/2007 Phyllis Rhodes
7/11/2007 Mikel Haase
7/12/2007 Evelyn Doggett
7/13/2007 LaFleur Graphic Design, in memory of Angie LaFleur
7/14/2007 Patricia Wong, birthday
7/21/2007 Roger Crandy & Kirt Beck, married in 2003
7/22/2007 Dan & Al Carter-Incontro, 4th wedding anniversary
7/23/2007 Susan Klein, Mary Lu & Susan's anniversary
7/23/2007 Ken Petersen, for Rob Burger's birthday
7/25/2007 Corbett Mothe
7/28/2007 Victor Carlson
7/31/2007 Michelle Moran
7/31/2007 Phyllis Rhodes
8/1/2007 Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh, 30th Anniversary
8/2/2007 Teresa McPherson, congrats to Julie & Gayle!
8/5/2007 Bert Mead & Steve Cook
8/7/2007 Pam Richter, in memory of Docket
8/8/2007 Evelyn Doggett
8/12/2007 Liz Davis & Kris Ivarson, in memory of Mary B. Davis
8/13/2007 Tess Bensussen & Carol Rose Gackowski, 3rd anniversary of Vancouver marriage
8/13/2007 Sandra Pace & Barbara Passikoff, coming to Anch.
8/14/2007 Michelle Wozniak, in memory of Ruth Lister
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8/16/2007 Sandra Pace & Barbara Passikoff, coming to Anch.
8/17/2007 Charlie Hamilton
8/20/2007 Phyllis Rhodes
8/22/2007 Don Crandall
8/23/2007 Norm & Jane Schlittler
8/24/2007 Lavon Ausman, for Marleen's birthday
8/25/2007 Victor Carlson
8/27/2007 Victor Carlson
8/29/2007 Jo Neumaier, for El's birthday
8/31/2007 Phyllis Rhodes
9/2/2007 Victor Carlson
9/3/2007 Bert Mead & Steve Cook
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9/7/2007 Phyllis Rhodes
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9/29/2007 Marion Richter, in memory of Don's birthday
9/29/2007 Pam Richter, in memory of Don's birthday
9/30/2007 Sharon Rudolph, just 'cause!

If you'd like to celebrate a special day, why not adopt that day at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage?! Go to www.identityinc.org for information or drop by the Community Center.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our sincere thanks

While we say "thank you" throughout the year, Thanksgiving Day reminds us to give special thanks to Identity supporters. Our **major financial supporters** this year gave us the funding base to provide a variety of GLBTA programs. So hats off to:

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