



## PRIDEFEST 2008

### “OUT is IN - Alaska”

Once again we are organizing for that FUN time of year we all enjoy so much - **Pride Week, June 22-29, 2008!** This year's theme is “OUT is IN - Alaska.”

The parade and Pride on the Parkstrip will be **June 28th**. Mark your calendar! Parade entries are now FREE but you still need to register. We really want to **GROW** this year so tell all your friends and start planning your float or parade entry.

Cost to vendors has been drastically reduced so spread the word. We want more small businesses to sell their wares! You could even have a booth yourself!

Please tell all of your friends about the great changes (yup, we said “FREE” and “cost drastically reduced”) and join us for PrideFest 2008 “OUT is IN – Alaska” June 22-29, 2008 on the Parkstrip and many other great places around town!

If you are a volunteer, we want to hear from you! If you are an entertainer, we want to hear from you! If you are a vendor, we want to hear from you!

We are very excited to have new events and new people involved this year. Thanks to Identity, Inc., the PrideFest Committee, those who are sharing their knowledge with us, and to all of our sponsors for helping us get PrideFest 2008 “OUT is IN - Alaska!” off the ground!

For more information and forms for vendors, parade entries, and entertainers: Please keep an eye on [www.anchoragepride.com](http://www.anchoragepride.com). The website will be updated regularly and you can send questions or suggestions to [info@anchoragepride.com](mailto:info@anchoragepride.com)!

## Celebration of Change

Pirates of the Lessibbean, April 12, 2008, 7 p.m., at the Wilda Marston Theatre. For more information go to [www.radicalartsforwomen.org](http://www.radicalartsforwomen.org)

## International Mr. Bear 2008

Grrrr...Isn't he handsome? Our own Scott Turner, sponsored by The Last Frontier Men's Club, flew to San Francisco to compete for the title of International Mr. Bear. Fourteen contestants from the United States, Netherlands, and Australia strutted their stuff before an audience of 600 people vying for the title of International Mr. Bear. February 17, 2008 Scott was awarded the title. Pictured left to right, the winners in each International category are holding their title placards, Mr. Daddy Bear; Mr. Bear Cub; Rick Tramontazzi, President of the Bears of San Francisco; Mr. Bear, Scott Turner; and Mr. Grizzly Bear. Congratulations Scott!



## Graze To Raise for Identity

It's almost time to grab your walking shoes and bib for our 4th Annual Graze to Raise. Sponsored by the ACVB, it's a chance to walk from one delicious eating spot to another and eat to raise money for your favorite non-profit. The Walk will take place on Friday, May 2. Last May we had 16 walkers and we hope to double that number. Save the date and watch for more details in the GLBT News, Grrlzlist, or at GLCCA. Join us for food and fun with friendly people.



## PrideFest Weekend Market

On June 21 and 22 please help Identity kick off this year's Pride Week with a visit to our booth at the Saturday and Sunday market. We will be selling Pride T-shirts and rainbow merchandise along with distributing information about Identity and Pride Week.

Celebrate Pride Week and stop by for your Pride Fest T-shirt and rainbow gear or just to chat and feel proud. Come alone or bring all your friends. Look for our Identity banner.

Our sincere thanks to the Anchorage Market and Festival who so generously offer non-profit organizations free booth space at the Weekend Market.

## Femme Fatale

"Femme Fatale" will be in Juneau with shows Friday and Saturday April 25-26 at the Marlintonis Lounge (9121 Glacier Hwy - 789-0799). Mention "Femme Fatale" at the Baranof Westmark Hotel (127 west Franklin - 800-544-0970) for the group rate. The less expensive constituent airfares are available from Alaska Airlines for that weekend since our state government will be in session. Let's go have some fun!

## Sadler's Teams with Identity, Inc.

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How would you like to receive 20% off the purchase price of all your new furniture and help Identity at the same time? Just wait for the Sadler's Christmas in July sale! Identity is now on the list of non profits who can benefit from this special furniture sale.

Here is how it works: First, you pick out your furniture items. Second, you give Sadler's a \$25 check, payable to Identity, Inc., for each item you wish to purchase. This earns you 20% off the price of each item you purchase and Sadler's mails your tax deductible donation to Identity. For example, a \$900 dresser will cost you \$720 plus your \$25 donation. You save \$155 and Identity earns \$25.00! What a deal!

If redecorating is in your future help Identity and help yourself to some savings

## What is a Naked Ptarmigan?

You are correct if you said it is a compilation of short stories, poetry, and photographs by and for the GLBTA community, released bi-monthly by its publisher and editor, Nicole Blizzard.

Ms. Blizzard says she wanted to write all her life and has written for a variety of publications including NorthView. She was attracted to the idea of owning her own publication so that she could have complete literary freedom. She met with other writers who felt the same way and Naked Ptarmigan was born. The first issue came out March 2007 featuring writing to the theme of New Beginnings. Sex, Politics, and Food have been other themes this past year.

New writers should contact Ms. Blizzard at ptarmigan-wing@hotmail.com to learn about upcoming themes or to submit work for consideration. Ms. Blizzard's advice to new writers? "Keep working at it. Keep writing and it will get better."

Current issues of Naked Ptarmigan can be picked up at GLCCA (335 East 5th Avenue), The Raven, Mad Myrna's, The Kodiak, Borders Books, and Salon Da Vinci. Thanks to the generosity of Ms. Blizzard and the writers who donate their work, the copies are free. If a short trip to the mail box is more your style, \$20.00 buys you a year's subscription delivered right to your home or office. Their address is: The Naked Ptarmigan/ P.O. Box 244076/ Anchorage, AK 99524.

## Imperial Court Step Down Ball

By Her Highness Rhonda Sheer



On Saturday, April 5th, the ICP Ball will be held at Mad Myrna's Ballroom. The theme this year is "A Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball" and it should be loads of fun. Doors open at 7:30PM and the show starts at 9PM.

Tickets are \$15.00 and includes a fabulous buffet dinner with a chocolate fountain and dipping fruit for dessert, Mardi Gras masques, etc. for those who do not have their own masques/costumes, and the show, which will be hosted by none other than the fabulous Kristara from Seattle. Please come and experience the step down of Imperial Crown Prince XV Cory Crowder and Imperial Crown Princess XV Rhonda Sheer. Also, the new Imperial Crown Prince and Imperial Crown Princess of all Alaska will be announced and presented the state tiara, sashes, etc.

## Bake Sale

Bake Sale at Mad Myrna's Sunday, April 13th, 4pm-6pm to Benefit the Four A's (The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association). To help or for more information call Scott Turner: 317-6414.

## 2007 Annual Report

Identity, Inc. concluded its 30th year of serving our GLBT family here in Anchorage and Alaska on a solid financial footing thanks to our donors and volunteers. We have amazed everyone (including ourselves!) that we have been able to provide so many successful programs in a 100% volunteer organization. Pat yourselves on the back!

### Income

Our income for 2007 was \$83,495 which came, in large part, from the donors listed on the donors list below.

As always a special thanks goes out to our Life-time Rainbow members: Doran Vaughn and Steven Jacquier and Sylvia Short.

A very special thanks, too, to Doug and Calvin at the Kodiak Bar. They have been supporting Identity and the Gay & Lesbian Community Center with proceeds from gaming.

The new Identity GLBT Fund at Alaska Community Foundation ended the year (open only six months!) with just over \$10,000.00! Donors included Victor Carlson, Phyllis Rhodes, Theodore Ryberg, Lois S. Chanslor, Lisa Jamieson, Aurora Ann Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gerlek, Rider Consulting, and Evelyn Doggett. Thank you!

Many thanks also to those who have named Identity and/or the Identity GLBT Fund in their wills.

The Last Frontier Men's Club provided all new public computers and flat screen monitors for the GLCCA public computer center.

The Imperial Court of All Alaska along with Mad Myrna's, the Raven, the Kodiak Bar and the ACLU provided significant financial support for the annual Pride Festival and Parade in June. We could not have done it without them. Thanks!

The Identity Advocacy Program (IAP) received grants this year from both Pride Foundation and the Elmer and Ruth Schwantes Fund.

Among many other activities in 2007, IAP participated in the Mayor's Diversity Week, presented at a conference for Court Appointed Special Advocates, completed the GLBT portion of training for UAA's Residence Life student leaders, and kept a positive GLBTA presence in the Anchorage Daily News through an editorial piece published in the Compass column and letters to the editor on Coming Out Day.

### Expenses

Our expenses for 2007 were \$44,919.69, a little less than expected.

Alaska Pacific University generously hosted Pride Conference in October allowing the committee to hold expenses to under \$1,000. Thanks!

Aside from Pridefest, the majority of Identity's

expenses were for rent and utilities at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

Identity is fortunate this year to be in a position to add to our cash reserves toward the goal of having one year's operating expenses in reserve to provide critical protection during lean years.

As always, Identity is deeply indebted to our volunteers, individual donors, and sponsoring organizations. We thank you for your time, your dedication and your trust in our stewardship of your valuable assets.

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## Contest: Do You Know Your Community?

Be the first (non board and non steering committee member) who submits the correct answers to PRhodes@alaska.net and **win a \$50 gift certificate** to TitleWave Books.

- 1) When a fabulous diva, her name is Mad Myrna but when a handsome gent, his name is?
- 2) What local establishment supports Identity, Inc. by selling pull tabs for us?
- 3) Who are the current Imperial Court emperor and empress?
- 4) Name two local GLBT e-lists.
- 5) What is the address of GLCCA?
- 6) For what do the letters TLFMC stand?
- 7) What local establishment kicks off Pride Week each year with a BBQ?
- 8) What is the e-mail address for the webmaster of Identity's website?
- 9) For what do the As stand for in "Four As?"
- 10) Adam and Steve want you to wear rubbers to prevent your feet from getting wet in the rain and to \_\_\_?
- 11) What local/national group is focused on serving GLBT school children?
- 12) What is the address for the local PFLAG website?
- 13) What is the Naked Ptarmigan?
- 14) Will this year's PrideFest Parade be way more fun for everyone if you and your friends enter a float, carry a banner, or dress up and walk in it?
- 15) What is the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity?
- 16) The Stonewall riots marked the beginning of gay rights. In what year and city did it take place?

The contest answers and the name of contest winner will appear in our next issue.

### Adopt-A-Day and Orphan Days

This wee short little list is of the GLCCA days that have already been adopted for our next quarter, April, May, and June. We are printing it so you have the opportunity in advance to see who has special days coming up and can offer greetings if you wish AND so you can see how very many orphan days still need to be adopted.

Heartfelt thanks to:

- 4/01 Sage Tremberth, In celebration of GLBT people everwhere
- 4/07 Pam Richter for Milo's Birthday
- 4/12 Bert Mead, in honor of Rose McLean
- 4/12 Corbett Mothe
- 4/28 Patty Wong & Pam Richter for Phyllis' birthday
- 5/13 Bert Mead
- 5/14 Corbett Mothe
- 5/15 Marion Richter
- 5/28 Susan Halvor & Eric Pikey anniversary
- 6/07 Bert Mead
- 6/20 Corbett Mothe for Pearl's birthday
- 6/21 Pam Richter - Happy Solstice !!

Since many people have special days on the same date, a date may be adopted more than once by different people. It cost \$50.00 to adopt-a-day - the approximate cost of keeping GLCCA open for a day. You can adopt-a-day via telephone by calling GLCCA at 929-4528. You can adopt-a-day online by going to [WWW.IdentityInc.org](http://WWW.IdentityInc.org) and clicking on "donate now." Then simply "designate" your \$50.00 for adopt-a-day and "dedicate" your day if you wish. Last of all, click on "Giving Cart" to complete the adoption. You can adopt-a-day in person by coming into GLCCA at 336 East 5th Avenue or by snail mail: Identity, Inc. P.O. Box 200070 Anchorage, AK 99520. Whew! You could be the proud new parent of a day or two in just a few short minutes.

### Prior Quarter Adopt-a-Day Angels

- 1/04 Pam Richter, Happy anniversary, Phyllis
- 1/08 Tess Bensussen & Carol Rose Gackowski for Jennifer's 17th birthday.
- 1/15 Lynne Sangster, in honor of Mary Crosby
- 1/20 Phyllis Rhodes
- 1/23 Evelyn Doggett
- 1/25 Phyllis Rhodes
- 1/27 Jeremy Wiseman, birthday
- 1/27 Michael Hasse for Keilan Ebli birthday
- 1/27 Kelly Simon, for Kerri's birthday
- 1/30 Phyllis Rhodes
- 1/31 Bert Mead in memory of Dakota Gibson
- 2/02 Bert Mead
- 2/02 Gale Smoke, for Ground Hog Day
- 2/06 Gale Smoke for Dad's birthday
- 2/07 Dianna Wolfe for Brian Chen, and Chinese New Year
- 2/10 Phyllis Rhodes
- 2/15 Nance & Terri Blake-Anderson, in celebration of 5 years together
- 2/16 Vic Carlson
- 2/16 Michael French for Michael & Mark's 20th
- 2/19 Phyllis Rhodes
- 2/21 Evelyn Doggett
- 2/25 Vic Carlson
- 2/29 Phyllis Rhodes
- 3/01 Bert Mead, in honor of Jes Mead & Gin Beck
- 3/04 Tess Bensussen & Carol Rose Gackowski for Amy's 18th birthday
- 3/12 Evelyn Doggett
- 3/15 Phyllis Rhodes
- 3/17 Jeffrey Mittman for the start of ACLU in Alaska
- 3/20 Phyllis Rhodes
- 3/25 Phyllis Rhodes

## Visit Identity's New MySpace Home!

By Michael Haase

It has been my pleasure to create a Myspace page for Identity. The page is now up and running! Please consider joining as a friend of Identity today and, in addition to showing your support, you will be kept up to date on official events throughout the year. The page is intended to serve many folks, especially the younger generation, and educate them about Identity and what we do. Visit us at [www.myspace.com/identity\\_alaska](http://www.myspace.com/identity_alaska) and, please, be our next new friend! If you have questions, please feel free to email me, Michael Haase, at [michaelh2001@gmail.com](mailto:michaelh2001@gmail.com).

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## More Visitors to GLCCA

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage (GLCCA) is serving more and more community members since moving downtown. There were 700 more visits to GLCCA in 2007 than in 2006. We are here for you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anchorage PrideFest (June)        | <input type="checkbox"/> GLCCA    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising    |
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