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October 2013



2013 Pride Conference

“Live. Work. Play:
Reshaping Our State of Pride”

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12
UAA Student Center

Identity, Inc., in collaboration with the **Anchorage Chamber of Commerce**, the **University of Alaska Anchorage** and a slew of sponsors, presents its 2013 Pride Conference, filled with workshops, speakers, vendors, and great food, all in a supporting the local GLBT community with information, education and a welcoming environment.

Workshops

Hear presentations and get your hands dirty by registering for three of the **12 workshops** offered, plus keynote addresses from Anchorage Chamber president **Andrew Halcro** and a special luncheon presentation by **Justin Nelson**, president of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

Register online at:
www.identityinc.org/prideconf/prideconf.shtml

GLCCA - Hours

Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM





Morning Meditation 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Christina Young, practitioner with the Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, extends an invitation for conference goers to join in on a peaceful morning meditation. No experience required, just an open mind.

Welcome/ Keynote Speaker 8 to 9 a.m.

One Anchorage, One Economy

How can Anchorage embrace the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) movement towards equality and help build a city of the future? What grassroots efforts are being worked on to empower inclusivity in Alaska's business center?

Former Alaska legislator and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce president **Andrew Halcro** will touch on One Anchorage, One Economy, a collaborative effort to build a more robust economy in a hope to make Anchorage the No. 1 city in America to live, work and play.

Session I: LIVE 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Our State of Seniors

Ken Helander, advocacy director for AARP Alaska, will provide tips and tools for navigating the complexities and challenges of a growing senior population in Alaska.

Our City of Pride: Building a Hopeful Future

As Anchorage's GLBT community continues to grow and the city's quality of life endures, what obstacles still exist in keeping the city from being the best place to live, work and play?

In this workshop, **Neal Fried** from the Alaska Department of Labor; **Carol Gore** from the Cook Inlet Housing Authority; and **Ed Graff** of the Anchorage School District will provide details on the city's economic, housing and education health, providing details on how each is adapting to make room for the next generation of Alaskans.

Everyday Spiritually

We are all spiritual beings having a human experience. Whether we agree with that statement or not, isn't it worth finding out its meaning?

Join **Rev. Rachel Hollander** from the SpiritStone Spiritual Center for a low-key, non-traditional, fun look at how spirituality (in whatever form) can make our everyday life a more interesting and full experience!

Breaking Your Silence

At this workshop, **Kathy Reim**, regional director of PFLAG, will help you find useful ways to respond to those who make cruel remarks and put the "tort" back in retorts. Also, learn how to save relationships— when they matter.

Session II: WORK 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

GLBT in the Workplace

Representatives from **Wells Fargo** will discuss human resource issues affecting Alaska's GLBT workforce, including a review of past and current laws aimed at protecting the community.

GLBT Identity as a Strategic Advantage: Bringing Your "Whole Self" to Work

In business, authenticity is very attractive. Bringing "all of you" to your work is powerful. Whether you are an employee, or a business owner, you are an essential ingredient in what makes you unique and valuable.

Sam McClure, director of affiliate relations and external affairs with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, will give details on how to navigate strategically.

This session is ideal for GLBT business owners and anyone who aspires to own a business.

Student Clubs: SEA What You Can Do!

At this workshop, **Mike Travis**, co-president of the Washington State Council PFLAG, and attendants will learn, and share, what can be done to involve GLBT students with supportive, educational and grassroots activities that help students, and teachers, develop a plan of action at school.

Our Voices: Media Training, Part I

What stories need told? What is unique about growing up and living in Alaska?

Rosey Robards and **Arina Filippenko** from the Alaska Teen Media Institute will lead a two-part workshop in producing Vox Pops (Voice of the People) on topics that matter to the GLBT community. Attendants will brainstorm story ideas and interview peers on various social issues, all while learning the best practices of recording audio and video!

Lunch/ Keynote Speaker 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

State of the GLBT Equality Movement

It has been a season of progress for the GLBT community, but there is still more work to do.

The **National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce** (NGLCC) has a critical niche in the movement, leveraging strategic growth opportunities for GLBT business owners.

Learn the history and vision of this powerful organization and how to leverage your own power as an entrepreneur, student, out and proud employee, fully inclusive employer and as a community leader.

Justin Nelson, president and co-founder of the NGLCC, will share the inspiring story of the organization and engage in an interactive Q&A.

Session III: PLAY **1:45 to 3 p.m.**

Forrest Yoga

Join **Kim Greff** of Evolve Yoga for a compelling journey to the core! Yoga teaches us that we are all divine beings with unique gifts; we are perfect just as we are, right now, always.

This Forrest Yoga practice will be 45 minutes on the mat and 45 minutes of introspective work. In the second half, you will be given an opportunity to listen to your inner wisdom and gather insights to empower, enliven, and enrich your life!

Bring a yoga mat if you have one, or borrow one of ours. Wear comfortable, bright and wild clothing!

Drumming Circle

A drum circle is comprised of a group of people who use drums and percussion to make in-the-moment music. Each drummer's contribution to the music at the circle is equally important, regardless of their rhythmical, musical or technical expertise.

At this workshop, **Gail Jackson**, founder of AKrhythmdrum, and attendants will come together to make music, demonstrating examples of how percussion can strengthen the community, and the world, making it a better place to live.

Maintaining Healthy Sexuality

How can you keep your sex life healthy and fresh while obtaining real intimacy? In this workshop, representatives from the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, 4As, Planned Parenthood and Castle Megastore will provide tools and tips on safe and fun sexual engagement that promotes interactive and healthy options for couples, and those beginning their sexual journeys.

NOTE: This course is for ages 18+ only

Our Voices: Media Training, Part II

In the second half of this series, **Rosey Robards** and **Arina Filippenko** from the Alaska Teen Media Institute, along with Alaskan artists **Jack Dalton** and **Drew Michael**, will help attendants produce Vox Pops (Voice of the People) on topics that matter to the GLBT community. Attendants will also see their end results of their stories!

Dan and Al Remembrance Celebration



“Dan and Al – Al and Dan – It’s like one word. How did the lives of two men become so intertwined that their two names became one.

Dan and Al worked relentlessly in the GLBT community and the larger Community of Anchorage for civil rights for all people and GLBT in particular.

One of the highlights of their life in Alaska was their trip in July 2003 to Canada for their wedding. Another highlight was being chosen as Grand Marshals for the 2004 Pride Parade. Identity, Inc. is very proud that the Conference Room at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center has been named in their honor.

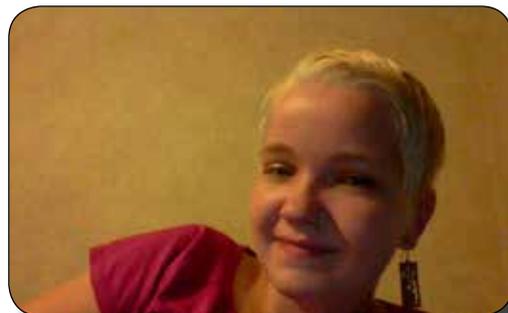
Dan passed first in 2010; Al joined him under their very special double rainbow in 2012.

A final wish was the co-mingling and sprinkling of their ashes in Alaska at Hatcher Pass. RIP, it is done.

New Identity Staff Member

Hello!

My name is **Marian Mays** and I am the new youth engagement specialist here at Identity, Inc.



During my service at Identity I hope to help establish strong LGBTQ youth connections within the community. I believe that community and peer engagement promotes a stronger sense of self-acceptance within the individual and can ultimately lead to a greater quality of life for the LGBT teen.

I am from Lexington, Kentucky and this is my first visit to the state of Alaska. Alaska is one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited in my life and I am very excited to be spending the next year here. During my free time I enjoy reading, rock climbing, hiking, biking, yoga, and watching terrible reality television.

I am excited to meet everyone here at Identity! Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you in any way.



Andrew Halcro is an Anchorage businessman who joined the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce as president in January 2013. He previously served in the Alaska Legislature and ran for governor of Alaska in 2006. Halcro has held senior management positions in his family's statewide small business, Avis Alaska, was a columnist for the Anchorage Daily News, hosted a talk radio show, and became a business consultant after his unsuccessful bid for governor. He recently authored an online news blog, AndrewHalcro.com, focusing on public policy issues and politics in Alaska.

Halcro has lived in Anchorage for more than four decades and resides in the Sand Lake area, which he represented in the Legislature from 1998 to 2002. He studied at Willamette University in Oregon, and has participated in professional development programs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard Business School. He is an experienced public speaker on topics ranging from Alaska's natural gas pipeline plans to Alaska state government tax and spending policies. He and his wife, Vicki, have two daughters.



Justin Nelson is the co-founder and president of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. He has used his background in small business and issues advocacy to help build a national organization that has given a much-needed economic identity to the LGBT community. Since its inception in 2002, the organization has grown to be the largest LGBT economic advocacy and business development organization in the world.

Prior to launching the NGLCC, Justin was the Director of Federal Affairs and External Relations for the American Academy of Ophthalmology in Washington, DC. While helping craft and implement the legislative agenda of one of the top medical specialty associations, Justin spent five years fighting for patient and physician rights before Congress, the White House and regulatory agencies. Justin was on the forefront of some of the most contentious healthcare debates in recent congressional memory. Justin worked to ensure equality and fairness in the healthcare system, making strides in areas such as helping to protect patients from managed care abuses under a Patient's Bill of Rights, leading the charge on passing landmark Medicare preventative healthcare legislation for seniors and lessening the administrative burdens for physician small businesses. During his tenure, the organization was named one of the top 100 lobbying organizations in Washington, DC by Forbes Magazine.

Prior to lobbying Congress and the White House, Justin spent five years as an aide in the United States Senate. During his time on Capitol Hill, Justin worked on issues ranging from small business, labor and trade, to healthcare, travel and tourism.

For their efforts in establishing the NGLCC, Justin and his co-founder were named in December 2002 to OUT Magazine's Top 100 Greatest Gay Success Stories. Justin was also named one of the 25 Leading Men of 2006 by Instinct Magazine. Most recently he was selected for SmartCEO Magazine's 2012 Top 20 Leaders We Admire and the 2012 Global LGBT Power 100 from the Guardian Newspaper in Great Britain. In 2010 Justin received the Outstanding Collaborative Partner Award from the U.S. Business Leadership Network for his work on disability issues. He has served as a past volunteer coordinator for the Wyoming Special Olympics, a Capitol Hill Chair for the March of Dimes Walk America and he served on the advisory board for the First Wyoming Race for the Cure. Justin holds a BA in political science from the University of Wyoming.

IT'S THE PERFECT GIFT

What never goes out of style, is never the wrong size or color, and is rarely duplicated? It's an Adopt-A-Day. You can designate the date and honor someone special, call attention to something whimsical, show your appreciation, or remain anonymous. Your gift will keep the doors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center open by helping us pay the rent, utilities, and insurance. You can use the donor form on the back of this NorthView or go to our website for online giving. Your donation can even be spread out over several months of credit card charges and your information is always secure with us. So why wait? There are plenty of 2011 dates available and waiting to be adopted. Be the first one on your block to own one.

4/1/2013	Mary Gilson		
4/5/2013	Kirt Beck & Roger Crandy	Happy Anniversary	
4/6/2013	Identity Supporters	Rick Helm	Thank you
4/8/2013	PFLAG	Chuck O'Connell	In memorium
4/12/2013	Bob Williams	Arliss "Sturgelewski	Thanks for being a great ally
4/13/2013	Identity Supporters		
4/14/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
4/15/2013	Mary Gilson		
4/17/2013	Jo Neumaier		
4/21/2013	Sharon Fuhrer	Jim Fuhrer	In memory of
4/21/2013	Sandra Pace	Anniversary with Barbara	
4/24/2013	Susan Tow	Mya Dale	In Memory of
4/28/2013	Identity Supporters		
5/3/2013	Laura Carpenter & Kenna Bates	Antonia	
5/6/2013	Identity Supporters	YWCA	Our Fabulous Landlord
5/8/2013	Mary Gilson		
5/10/2013	Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh	The GLCCA is a wonderful place	
5/11/2013	Laura Carpenter & Kenna Bates	Fuzzy Grandpa	
5/14/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
5/15/2013	Identity Supporters	Roger Crandy	Congrats on Auto CAD Civil 3D certification
5/18/2013	Shelly Wozniak	Cady	Happy Birthday
5/19/2013	St. John United Methodist Church		Pentecost
5/21/2013	Bob Williams	Katie Hurley	
5/24/2013	Identity Supporters	Alaska PrideFest Committee	Thank you
5/26/2013	Susan Tow	Mya Dale	In memory
5/28/2013	Michael French	Diana Wolfe	In memory
6/7/2013			
6/8/2013	Identity Supporters	Kirt Beck	PrideFest Webmaster Extraordinaire
6/9/2013	Jo Neumaier		
6/12/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
6/13/2013	Susan Tow	Mya Dale	In memory of
6/15/2013	Identity Supporters	Bert Mead	Identity Web Master
6/17/2013	St. John United Methodist Church	John Wesley	Birthday "The world is my parish"
6/18/2013	Shelly Wozniak	Iva	Happy Birthday
6/19/2013	Monique Karaganis		
6/25/2013	Bob Williams	Jim Fuhrer	
6/29/2013	Identity Supporters	Kristara	
7/5/2013	Identity Supporters	Cory Crowder	
7/7/2013	Nancy & Terri Blake-Anderson	6th Wedding Anniversary - Oh Canada	
7/8/2013	Michael French & Mark Trick	5th Wedding Anniversary	
7/9/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
7/10/2013	Susan Tow	Mya Dale	In memory
7/12/2013	Identity Supporters	Beth Allen	Thank you
7/14/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
7/16/2013	Evelyn	Doggett	
7/18/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
7/20/2013	Identity Supporters	Bill JoBush	All round good guy and volunteer
7/21/2013	Ava Anderson	Malyn	Our Anniversary
7/21/2013	Kirt Beck & Roger Crandy	Wedding Anniversary	

7/22/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
7/25/2013	Bob Williams	Phyllis Rhodes	Thanks for all you do
7/27/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
7/31/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
8/1/2013	Bob Williams	Julie and Gayle	Happy Anniversary
8/4/2013	Identity Supporters	Barbara Siefert	GLCCA Data Collector
8/5/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
8/8/2013	Jo Neumaier		
8/10/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
8/14/2013	Identity	Supporters	Colleen Carroll on-call Excel expert
8/15/2013	Identity	Ashley Summers Dawn Empress XL	Happy Birthday
8/16/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
8/17/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
8/19/2013	Lavon Ausman	Marleen Norton	
8/22/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
8/24/2013	Susan Tow	Mya Dale	In memory
8/26/2013	Identity Supporters	YOU	
8/29/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/1/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/4/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/5/2013	Identity Supporters	Kenna Bates	
9/6/2013	Bob Williams	Pam Richter	
9/8/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/11/2013	Laura Carpenter & Kenna Bates	Our Anniversary	
9/14/2013	Identity Supporters	Shelby Wilson	PrideFest Volunteer Coordinator
9/15/2013	Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh		
9/16/2013	Identity	Mikel Wiles Emperor XL	Happy Birthday
9/17/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
9/18/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/22/2013	Shelly Wozniak	Cecilia	Happy Birthday
9/24/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/26/2013	Identity Supporters	TLFMC	Thank YOU
9/28/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
9/29/2013	Marion Richter		
10/1/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/3/2013	Identity Supporters	JJ Harrier	
10/5/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/7/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/10/2013	Julie Schmidt & Gayle Schuh	Sena Ramsey	Happy Birthday
10/12/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/14/2013	Jo Neumaier		
10/15/2013	Identity Supporters	Everyone who plays rippies at The Raven and Mad Myrna's	
10/16/2013	Evelyn Doggett		
10/18/2013	Anne Marie Moylan	Happy Birthday	
10/20/2013	Jim Mohr and Frank Tano	Our Anniversary	
10/22/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/24/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/26/2013	TLFMC	Support the GLCCA	
10/27/2013	Stephanie LaFleur	Angie LaFleur	
10/28/2013	Mary Gilson		
10/29/2013	Identity Supporters	Anne Marie & Drew	Hardworking Co-chairs



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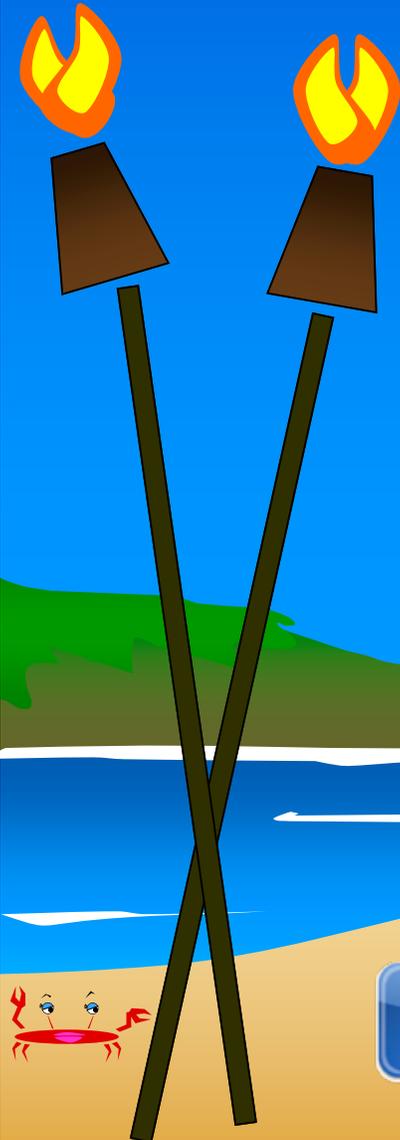
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