



# PFLAG North Bay

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

**P.O. Box 337, Ukiah, CA 95482**

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## President's report

We had a wonderful time this year with PFLAG being involved with Pride Week in many of our counties and our participating in the San Francisco parade. This was the second time that John and I had marched in the parade with our adopted PFLAG son Kyle Genest. Our son, Sean, made it this time to the parade but came after our march. I got to meet and march with a new mom who is part of our North Bay chapter. Her sign read "Mom to a Transman" and this was her first time in the parade. She received a lot of support as we all did. This time for me it seemed even more emotional as many spectators had tears in their eyes and blew kisses our way. I also got to march with long time North Bay PFLAGers Joan Adams and Jane Hills. They are veterans to the San Francisco march and are part of the Marin group. The PFLAG contingency seemed much bigger this year as did the crowd.

We have two new board members that I am proud to have onboard. Deb Stalling is from

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## **MEMBERSHIP:**

**INDIVIDUAL - \$35**

**FAMILY - \$45**

**WWW.PFLAG-NB.ORG**

## Assembly member Mark Leno is Guest of Honor for the Annual Awards dinner and fundraiser

Nearly \$20,000 will be awarded to qualified non-profits, individuals or groups at the annual distribution of the Rykken-Scull Awards, directors of PFLAG-North Bay Chapter have announced. We are excited to include as our guest of honor Assemblyman Mark Leno. He will give us an update on marriage equality legislation. The event will be in Santa Rosa and there will be a future announcement where venue will be.

The late Judge Walter Richard Rykken Jr. of Guerneville, in his last will and testament, established the trust "to make an annual award, or awards to a qualified nonprofit organization for the benefit of individuals or groups that contribute the most to the alleviation of bigotry and prejudice against gays and lesbians." PFLAG-NBC Inc. is the trustee of the Rykken and Scull Charitable Trust.

Rykken, was a lawyer who worked as an administrative law judge in Sonoma County and with his partner Robert Scull, who died in 1995, ran a rare books business. He left \$443,000 personal effects and papers to the trust.

To qualify for awards, non-profits must be 501c3 organizations. Non-profits may apply for the awards for themselves or for individuals and or groups that meet the criteria of contributing to the alleviating of bigotry and prejudice against gay and lesbians.

Napa County and has been very involved with several non-profit organizations. Deb also helped form the Napa Unity League that is the lgbt organization that brings Pride Week to Napa. They chose PFLAG North Bay as the non-profit to fundraise for and we received a \$1000 from them. The other new member is Molly Stanton from Sonoma County who just relocated here from Santa Cruz where she was very involved with that chapter. Molly brings her experience and a wonderful sense of humor.

Besides getting new board members, our membership is growing. People are realizing that even though you may not attend a PFLAG meeting we do valuable work with our advocacy and education and we are getting more members.

In this edition you will read about our upcoming awards and annual meeting. At the annual meeting we will vote for new officers. We are excited to have Assemblyman Mark Leno as our special guest for our awards ceremony. We will have more information about the awards event in the future. You can call me for information at 463-2223.

Best to you all!

Delynn Rogers,

Pres. PFLAG No. Bay



## **PFLAG Makes \$30,000 Gift To Positive Images**

By Kathryn M. Miller

At a festive celebratory event of the youth group Positive Images, PFLAG-NB presented a certificate of appreciation and a \$30,000 check to the organization. The money, part of an inheritance received by PFLAG-NB, was given in memory of Arthur Carl (Ace) Matthews of Willits who died in April. It was announced that, in addition to the gift to Positive Images, PFLAG would also sponsor a youth scholarship fund named for Ace Matthews.

Matthews, 78, was a former high school teacher and a college professor who started a radio station at Bemidji State University in Minnesota while he was on the theatrical staff. He served as radio station manager for 21 years before retiring.

He retired to Willits in 1990 and was an active volunteer in the community, working with drama classes at Willits High School, teaching radio broadcasting. He also volunteered with the Police Activities League in both Willis and Ukiah.

Matthews' interest in young people is reflected in students of his who have "become stronger individuals, in turn contributing to their communities," his online memorial indicated.

His interest in PFLAG and Positive Images stemmed from attending a joint PFLAG-Positive Images Thanksgiving celebration some years ago, according to Positive Images founder Jim Foster, and being impressed with the display of self-esteem in the youth there.

To visit Matthews's memorial, go to <http://virtual-memorials.com> and use his last name only in "Search."

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## Calendar of Events

Award-winning Author and Activist Mark Adams will talk at PFLAG meetings in Ukiah and Santa Rosa. Mark wrote the book Preacher's Son and has a new book called (lost)Found. Preacher's Son chronicles Mark's life growing up gay as the son of a fundamentalist Baptist minister in rural Pennsylvania. In his talk he will share some of his life's story, share from his new book as well as talk about Heartstrong, Inc., the non-profit organization he co-founded. Heartstrong Inc. is an educational organization for LGBT students of religious schools, colleges and universities.

In Ukiah, the meeting will be Monday August 14, 2006 at 6:00pm. at the United Methodist Church, 270 No. Pine St, Ukiah. In Santa Rosa, the meeting is Sept.25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga.

### MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:

#### MARIN COUNTY

PLACE: WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 240 TIBURON BL.

TIME: 7:30 PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY EACH MONTH

#### MENDOCINO COUNTY/UKIAH

PLACE: UKIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 270 No. PINE ST., UKIAH

TIME: 6:00PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

#### SONOMA COUNTY/SANTA ROSA

PLACE: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4930 NEWANGA DR. SANTA ROSA

TIME: 7:30PM, 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

#### Napa County

Currently no meeting site. Call 1-866-350-2462

To apply for an award of \$2500 or more write a letter to the Rykken and Scull Charitable Trust, c/o PFLAG NBC (P.O. Box 337, Ukiah, CA 95482).

The letter should tell how the organization has contributed so far to the alleviation of bigotry and prejudice against gay men and lesbians. Past performance counts, so applicants are urged to be specific, providing dates when possible or a broad statement of time. A copy of the IRS statement proving that an organization is a qualified non-profit must be attached to the application. In the letter the name, address, phone number, and other pertinent contact information of the organization should be provided.

A PFLAG-NBC committee will decide the recipient or recipients of the awards. Qualified non-profits may ask for a specific amount as an award, but a committee will decide how much money will be allocated and the committee's decision will be binding.

If an organization plans to use the award to honor an individual, individuals or group of groups with monetary awards, this plan should be detailed in the letter, again with specifics as to how the individuals or groups have contributed to the alleviation of bigotry and prejudice against gay men and lesbians.

The deadline for entry is by midnight September 6, 2006. For further information, go to the website at [www.pflag-nb.org](http://www.pflag-nb.org) or call the PFLAG support line at 866-350-2462 and leave a phone number for a callback. Awards will be presented at a dinner (site to be announced) following the annual PFLAG-NBC meeting at 4 p.m. October 15. To reserve a seat at the dinner, call Nancy at 539-4037 or Delynne at 463-2223.

## **PFLAG-No. Bay Mission statement**

To promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersexed persons, their families and friends through: support, education, and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil and human rights

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Family - \$45**

**Individual - \$35**

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membership.**

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