



PFLAG North Bay

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! President's Report

Delynne Rogers

We're starting off the New Year with the accomplishments from 2005 that improved PFLAG North Bay and hope to accomplish even more this coming year. Many of the activities I described in the first newsletter will be on our list again for this coming year. We, of course, will continue to have local support meetings in the counties; but, we want to do more outreach so more folks will attend. Turn out for support has been low and we need to be more visible within each community. This will be one of our challenges.

Times have been challenging for same-sex marriage so I know we will continue to be involved and supportive. We plan to meet with EQCA local leaders and help however we can. One of the ideas is to make a video about why same-sex marriage is important to us and our families. This

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MEMBERSHIP:

INDIVIDUAL - \$35

FAMILY - \$45

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Six North Bay Groups Receive Rykken Scull Awards

Kathryn Miller

Six organizations received a total of \$14,500 in awards for their work in alleviating bigotry and prejudice against gay men and lesbians. The awards were presented on October 16 at the annual awards meeting of the North Bay Chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). "We were very pleased to honor these organizations for their contributions," said Delynne Rogers, President of the North Bay Chapter. "They have done tremendous work to strengthen our community and families and to help end bigotry and prejudice toward our families and friends."

The Family Acceptance Project at the Cesar Chavez Foundation in San Francisco received \$5,000 for their work on the impact of family acceptance or rejection on the health and development of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. They plan to help families provide support for LGBT youth, increase awareness of their needs, and train providers to improve the quality of services.

Scouting for All from Sonoma County received \$2,500 for their national educational and advocacy work and for reaching out to LGBT youth. Scouting for All provides support for gay scouts and adult leaders, works with religious groups in developing anti-discrimination statements for their scout units, and presses for acceptance of gay youth in the Boy Scouts of America.

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is planned for January and I think it is exciting.

We want to continue to be partners with other organizations that do work to alleviate bigotry towards the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community (lgbt) community. We also want to continue to do panels in the schools and in other community settings.

The Rykken/Scull Trust awards were the highlight of our year. We gave \$14,500 in awards to a variety of different groups. The largest amount was \$5000 that was awarded to the Family Acceptance Project at the Cesar Chavez foundation. They are doing research on the impact of family acceptance or rejection on the health and development of lgbt youth. The energy in the room was alive with people sharing the work each organization strives to accomplish. It made all the work beforehand worth it to see the thankfulness of the awardees. As you know, we are the trustees for the trust so none of the money can go towards PFLAG so we depend on your membership for us to thrive.

This is why your membership is so important to our organization because financially we could not do any of this without your help. We are asking that if you have not renewed your membership, please consider doing it. Also, please spread the word to your friends about the valuable work we are doing.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Delynne Rogers
President PFLAG/NBC Inc.



New Resource in Sonoma County

Straight Spouse Network

Has a current or former spouse come out to you as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, leaving you with issues that confuse, confound or hurt you? There is support in Sonoma County with a new meeting at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, 1225 Fulton Rd. every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The purpose of a spouse support group is to facilitate the expression of feelings, to validate and share constructive problem-solving strategies, and to help resolve issues in a positive direction. Emphasis is on healing, understanding and compassion for the spouse, the couple, and the children.

The network also offers information about straight spouse and mixed orientation issues to other family members, professionals and community organizations.

Contact Cynthia Stanley, cynthiasta@msn.com or Catharina Forsythe, Kataforsythe@aol.com or visit the website: www.ssnetwork.org. Straight Spouses Network of Sonoma County, P.O. Box #140, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Other Resources

gaysonoma.com – online guide for news, events, gay or gay friendly businesses and community organizations

Spectrum- Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Concerns in Marin County
info@spectrummarin.org

Positive Images- Support group for gay youth located in Santa Rosa www.posimages.org

Pride Alliance Network (PAN) – the voice of Mendocino County's lgbt community
www.pridealliance.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:

MARIN COUNTY

PLACE: WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 240 TIBURON BL.

TIME: 7:30 PM, 2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH

MENDOCINO COUNTY/UKIAH

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

TIME: 6:00PM, 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

SONOMA COUNTY/SANTA ROSA

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

TIME: 7:30PM, 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Napa County

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

The Pride Alliance Network (PAN) of Mendocino County received \$2,500 for their educational and outreach efforts in Mendocino County. PAN is a voice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in Mendocino County. PAN has sponsored panels and workshops on LGBT issues and they hope to provide more outreach with the LGBT community and straight partners.

United for Safe Schools Ukiah (USSU) received \$2,500 for their educational work with schools. USSU has conducted panels and workshops on gender identity and sexual orientation for schoolteachers and administrators to make sure all children are safe at school.

The Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from Sonoma County received \$1,000 for their work in raising money for women, suffering children, senior citizens, and community organizations. They plan to offer scholarships to local youth involved in alleviating bigotry and anger in their schools.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco received \$1,000 for their work in collecting, preserving, and processing a variety of historical materials that form the history of LGBT individuals and their families.

The PFLAG North Bay Chapter awards are part of a legacy left by the late Sonoma County Judge Walter Rykken.

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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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Membership
Family - \$45

Individual - \$35

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