

# Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage identity NORTHVIEW

April 2011

## PRIDE CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

The Grand Opening of the A Street Event Hall was a fundraiser to benefit Pride Conference 2011. The new venue opened by Kodiak Bar owners, Doug Locke and Calvin Woodland, is across the street from the Anchorage Museum at 7<sup>th</sup> and A streets. The largest room, which includes a stage, was filled with tables and ringed by padded benches. A separate room with adjacent bar held a fabulous



*Calvin Woodland, from the Kodiak, presents a check from the A Street Event Fall Fundraiser to Gayle and Julie*

buffet catered by Natalie Bale of the Kodiak Grill.

The Master of Ceremonies, Russ Reno, kept the evening festive giving away local gift certificates as door prizes, and introducing the fabulous entertainment. After Paige and Kevin wowed us with an opening duet we were treated to music by members of the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, dance by members of the Anchorage Ballet, drag and comedy by stage co-host Deirdre, and a preview of the summer's Hulabaloo Show by Alice Welling.

The crowd reached a fevered pitch when Darl Schaaf took the stage to emphasize to the crowd that the money being raised would be used to bring youth from outlying communities and bush villages to the fall Pride Conference. His plea included a personal pledge and a reminder that this money could save

someone's life; a trip to this Youth Conference could be monumental in the life of someone who has few local resources. The first to respond was Larry Kaiser, The Raven owner, peeling off bills while others wrote checks. A representative from Senator Mark Begich's office donated 25,000 Alaska Airline miles, but the highlight of the frenzy was a donation by Josh Fink that more than quadrupled any other single contribution. A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who attended this highly successful evening generating over \$7,500 to bring youth from outlying areas to Pride Conference.

Identity is grateful to Doug and Calvin for showcasing this great space with a fundraiser for Identity's Pride Conference. If you are hosting a meeting, planning a reception, or looking for a very flexible space, this could be your perfect spot.

### Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars!!

**Pridefest** is June 25, 2011

**Pride Prom** is April 23, 2011

### GLCCA - Hours

Monday – Friday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM - All Ages

First and third Saturday:

Noon - 3:00 PM - 13-19 Year Olds Only

3:00 – 6:00 PM – All Ages

Other Saturdays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM – All Ages

Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM - All Ages

### Youth Drop-in Hours at GLCCA

The first and third Saturdays from noon to 3:00 are now reserved for youth 13-19 years old. Youth are invited to drop-in and share in the company and activities.

Bring a friend! With the exception of the youth drop-in program volunteers, who have passed a background check, GLCCA will be closed to all adults during youth drop-in time.

# Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association – Annual Bake Sale – May 8th

The annual bake sale has been raising money for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association for the past seven years. Last year we raised over \$2400, and this year we are hoping for some of the local bakeries to participate and judge their wares, then auction them. We have Live Auction, Silent Auction, and items that can be purchased on the go (for those who can't hang out for the auction). Savory items & breads, cookies, brownies, candy, fancy decorated cakes of all kinds, and baskets of goodies put together to tempt our bidders!

May 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Mad Myrna's

(donated items accepted  
beforehand or starting at 2pm  
that day)



# LGBT Passover Potluck

Congregation Beth Sholom is hosting a Passover Potluck on Friday, April 22 for LGBT Jews and their friends and families . This is a Passover Dinner - it is NOT a Seder.

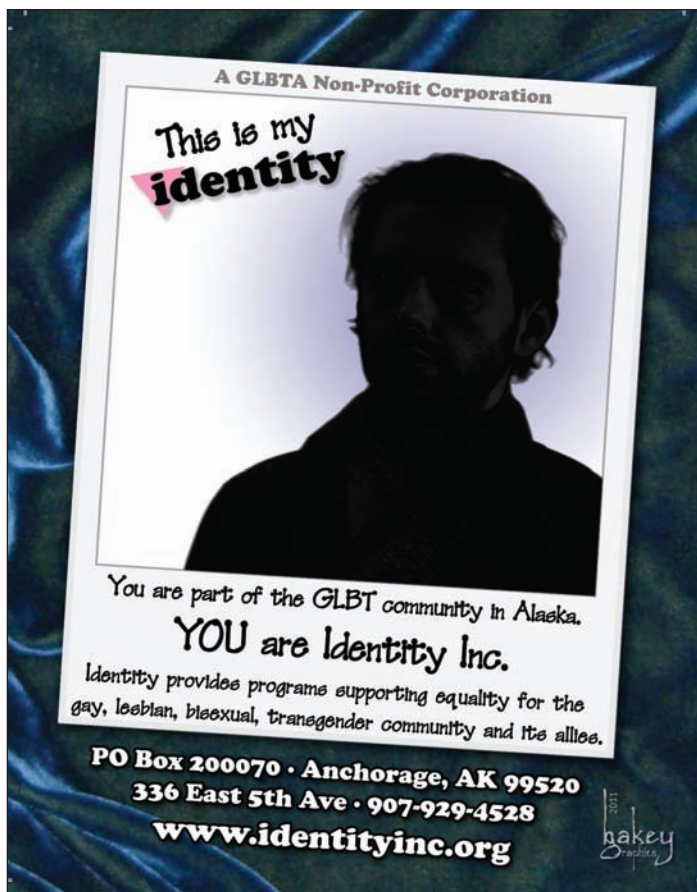
Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be Jewish; you don't have to be invited by anyone.

The Potluck will be from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. You are invited to stay for Shabbat services, which start at 7:30 pm.

All food brought to the Potluck should conform to the following kashrut guidelines:

- NO meat or poultry, including beef, lamb, pork, chicken, turkey, duck, chicken stock
- NO shellfish, including shrimp, crab, clams, oysters, lobster, scallops
- Fish such as salmon, halibut and tuna are permitted
- NO leavening, including anything made with yeast, baking powder, baking soda, buttermilk, yogurt, phosphates and carbonates. In other words, no baked goods, breads, or pasta, unless specifically kosher for Passover
- NO grains, including wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt (Exception: Items which are specifically kosher for Passover, such as matzah, are ok)
- NO legumes, including beans, green beans, lentils and peas
- NO soy products, including tofu and soy sauce
- Rice, corn, and corn products are permitted

(Think of it as an Iron Chef challenge and be creative.)



## 2011 Pride Prom

Pride Prom 2011 will be held on April 23rd at Out North on Primrose and DeBarr from 8pm til midnight. The evening is a celebration for GLBTQ youth ages 14 to 19 and their allies. For the third year, party organizer Mike Mason is heading things up, supplying two DJ's and a host of talented performers. The youth organizers chose a GLEE theme and flyers, designed by Kenna Bates, capture the energy the kids were eager to communicate to her at their planning session. They encourage dressing as your favorite GLEE character, as there will be prizes awarded that evening.



Top prize comes from this year's host, Out North, which is the new home for Pride Prom, said Executive Director, Scott Turner Schofield. There will be free food and drinks available at the event. Cost to enter is \$10 per person with an option for a \$1 off

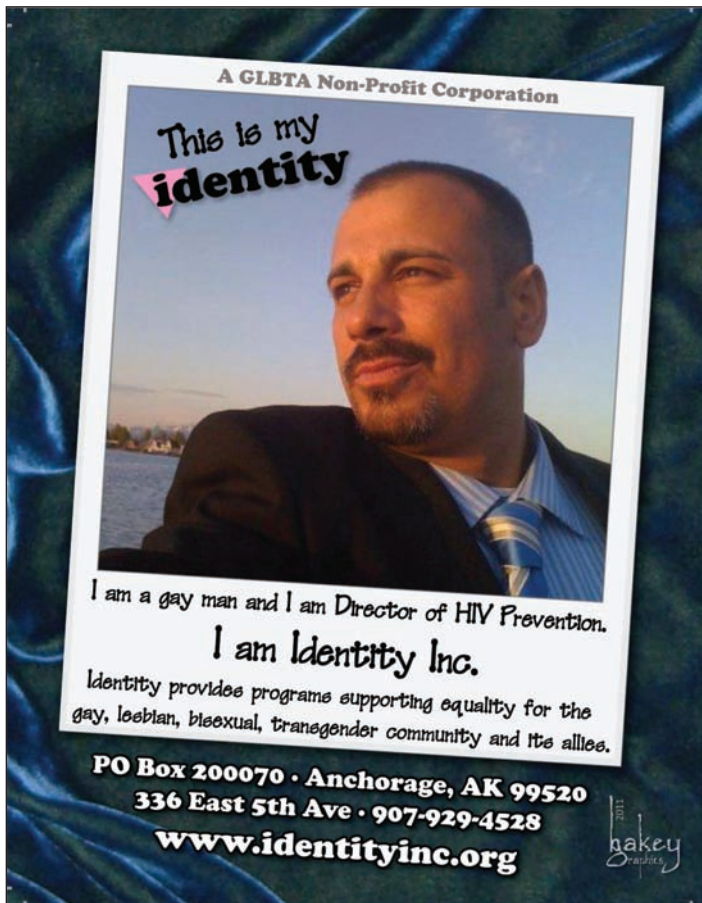
per can, for up to 5 cans of food, which will be collected and donated to the Food Bank of Alaska.

The event is sponsored by Identity Inc, with help from PFLAG, 4A's, the Imperial Court of all Alaska, and Anchorage and Valley GSA's.

For over 20 years GLSEN and PFLAG have been instrumental in facilitating the annual Pride Prom. In 2009 Identity's board asked two area GSA's if they might be of assistance. The clubs' teachers immediate responses were ---yes! The outcome has been three years of youth-inspired planning and a collaborative production of the event.

Pride Prom is chaperoned by adults who are participants in the partner sponsor organizations. Many have been chaperones for 10 or more years. The event is safe, fun, and known to be a welcoming place for GLBTQ youth and their allies. Word is that this is going to be the best Pride Prom ever!

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### New Survey to Assess Discrimination Against LGBT Alaskans

A new survey is examining experiences of discrimination and bias in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in Anchorage, Alaska. The *Anchorage LGBT Discrimination Survey* is the product of a coalition effort by organizations that serve the community, including Identity, Inc., Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, Alaskans Together for Equality, Equality Works and the ACLU of Alaska. It is the first survey of its kind in over 20 years, and the first to collect information about transgender Alaskans. Survey collection finished on March 31 with a total of 270 respondents. Researchers are currently processing the data. Check back at the survey website, [www.alaskacommunity.org](http://www.alaskacommunity.org), for updates on when results of the survey will be available."

# Support Identity

# Great Land Infusion Pharmacy

## Your COMMUNITY Pharmacy

We all know it's important to support members of our community that give back in sponsorship dollars, and volunteerism. Since opening in 2006 Doug Noaeill, owner-pharmacist of Great Land Infusion Pharmacy has quietly been supporting the efforts of identity, Inc., through his generous donations to Pride Fest since 2007. This year Great Land Infusion Pharmacy is taking a "Step up and Step out" in keeping with the theme of Pride Fest.



As one of the Anchorage's rainbow businesses, Great Land Pharmacy is the lead pharmacy in HIV care throughout the state.

In an effort to bring Great Lands services to diverse segments of the gay and lesbian community, Doug Noaeill, has hired identity board member, and Director of HIV Prevention at Four A's Alex Barros. Together this out and proud team seeks to increase their visibility in the gay community, making Great Land Infusion Pharmacy the first pharmacy in Anchorage to cater to this market. Over the next

few months, you will see Alex appearing in, and sponsoring community events for the pharmacy.

Great Land seeks to jump ahead of other pharmacy retailers in recognizing the importance and value that LGBT people bring to American society. Doug says, "the Gay community is loyal to businesses that support them



and market to them. By hiring Alex a well-known community advocate we're getting more involved in the community." "This is a business decisions we're making. Granted, it's the right thing to do, but at the end of the day it's also the smart thing to do."

We provide a full-service pharmacy that also prepares and provides medicine for intravenous administration. Come by and see us or get your prescription filled with us. Our client satisfaction survey indicates 92% of clients rated our pharmacy services as excellent.

# Become a "Big"

Everyone remembers someone special - a neighbor, teacher, relative or friend - who broadened our horizons and brought a little magic into our lives. Maybe it was someone who taught you to throw a baseball or ride a bike; or maybe it was someone who helped you make the right decision when you needed direction.

Sharing every day experiences with a child is the premise on which Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska is based. We have been transforming lives for over 35 years and have developed several successful programs proven to make a BIG difference in the life of a child.

Becoming a Big is a fun and easy way to volunteer in your community. We have several program options that fit your schedule and interests. We also offer a variety of agency-planned activities for Bigs and Littles, like snowshoeing, adventurous mountain excursions and going to local sporting events.

We want to see BIG changes in the lives of children across the state of Alaska. Every day, we see and hear stories about how lives are being changed through a simple, professionally supported relationship between a child and a caring adult.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska strengthens our communities by providing mentors to all children who need and want a caring adult role model - special friends who can help them expand their horizons, realize their potential and enrich their futures - changing their lives.

Bigs provide the additional guidance and support needed to keep a child on the right path toward promise and possibility. Mentoring is about prevention, and provides children with the tools to grow and succeed in a consistent, positive environment.

Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is simple. It's sharing time, energy and friendship with a child in need. There is no special expertise required ~ and our volunteer mentors often times get back much more than they give!

Please visit our website for more information, or call to sign up for a volunteer orientation.

# 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.

DATE	PERSON	HONORING	REASON
1/1/2011	Bert Mead & Steve Cook	Phyllis Rhodes	
1/9/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
1/14/2011	Jo Neumaier		
1/18/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
1/25/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
1/31/2011	Steve Cook	Phyllis and Pam	
2/1/2011	Gayle Schuh & Julie Schmidt	Sena and Tamara	Happy Anniversary
2/2/2011	Gale Smoke	Ground Hog Day	
2/3/2011	Bert Mead & Steve Cook	Gayle, Julie, & Cedar	
2/5/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
2/6/2011	Gale Smoke	Father	Birthday
2/10/2011	Vic Carlson		
2/15/2011	Identity Supporters	Doug Locke & Calvin Woodland	Fantastic Fundraiser
2/19/2011	Steve Cook	Sister & Husband, Amy and Jason	
2/24/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
3/3/2011	Bert Mead & Steve Cook	Ryan Carroll	
3/9/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
3/11/2011	Amy Cook-Otto	Steve and Bert	
3/17/2011	Steve Cook	Julie and Gayle	
3/20/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		
3/24/2011	Al Carter-Incontro	Al and Dan	Anniversary remembrance
3/28/2011	Phyllis Rhodes		

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The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Anchorage is a happening place with people stopping here for a variety of reasons. Just last week a gentleman from Switzerland saw our rainbow flag flying and came to us for information. He said rainbow flags were common in Europe, but he didn't expect to see one in Anchorage. He knew we would have answers to his questions: "where could he get his car washed, and where could he buy a computer?" True story, scouts honor.

At first glance it looks like August wins the award for busiest month, but take into consideration that several hundred people enter the GLCCA on one August Saturday to vote for Emperor, Empress and other Imperial Court of All Alaska Awards and August drops to third. June sees the second most people through our doors, but the winner for 2010 was...drum roll, please, March with 454. Surprised? It is no surprise that the colder, darker months finish last for attendance but even the slowest month, November, logged 260 people through our doors.

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## “Alaska Pride asks each and every one of us to Step Up, Step Out”

By Felix Rivera, Incoming Co-Chair

This year, the steering committee behind Alaska Pride is looking to step up the 9-day celebration in June, the annual Alaska Pride Fest. The dates this year are June 18 – 26.

The theme the group has selected is reminiscent of happenings throughout the country: Don't Ask Don't Tell was repealed, the Defense of Marriage Act is being scrutinized by White House administration, and states around the country are passing pro-equality laws.

But still, the work is not done. Anchorage still does not have an equal-rights ordinance protecting GLBT folks from undue discrimination. Even more, our GLBT brothers and sisters in Africa face threats to their lives on a daily basis. Some have even lost their lives fighting for justice.

This summer, we ask each and every Alaskan to *Step Up, Step Out*. So what does that mean exactly? Haven't attended Pride Fest in a few years? We ask you to Step Up and support your local community. Want to put on an event for Pride or volunteer, but haven't found the motivations to do so? We ask you to Step Out of your comfort zone and become involved.

Each and every one of us should follow this motto. This year, Alaska Pride asks that you run with it! After all, that is what Pride is all about: Alaska Pride promotes state-wide gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality through education and celebration.

This year, to help us better follow our motto, the steering committee has decided to put the two umbrella events of Alaska Pride Fest and Pride Conference under one label: Alaska Pride. Both of these serve to help educate ourselves on what it means to be GLBT in Alaska, but also to celebrate our Pride.

In essence, Alaska Pride Fest serves as the heart of Alaska Pride. Alaska Pride Conference serves as the head. Head and heart. One cannot exist without the other.

One heart, one mind, Alaska Pride.

Please email us if you are interested in being a sponsor, individual donor, vendor, or volunteer at [info@identityinc.org](mailto:info@identityinc.org).

Check out our website at [www.alaskapride.org](http://www.alaskapride.org)

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In 2010 the GLCCA played host to more people attending meetings than in previous years. Did you know the Dan and Al Carter-Incontro Conference Room is available to GLBTA organizations and individuals for free? Apparently many people do because we saw a 38% increase in the number of people attending meetings. If you'd like to use our space just call in advance to make sure the room is available.

Computer usage tops the charts as the #1 reason people visit the GLCCA. Every day is different but knowing that an average day sees more than 5 people use our terminals and access the Internet makes us glad we can provide this service.

Have you seen our space? It's cozy, welcoming, and brimming with GLBT books and DVD's for your enjoyment. Stop in to say "hi", check out a book or movie, and meet some of the friendliest volunteers in Anchorage.

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I want to show my support for the GLBTA community by volunteering for:

Anchorage PrideFest (June)

GLCCA

Fundraising

Alaska Pride Conference (October)

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I DO NOT wish to receive Identity's newsletter or other mailings to keep me informed of community events.

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