

FLATHEAD VALLEY ALLIANCE



JULY

2009



PRIDE PARADE A GREAT DAY FOR KALISPELL

Contrary to some protesters belief of the 2009 Montana Pride Parade in downtown Kalispell, the town was not “destroyed by brimstone and the fire of the Lord”

Michael Jamison of the Missoulian stated that “God’s position on the parade, however, seemed unclear Saturday, with several churches joining the parade in support of the gay and lesbian community.”

In fact the LGBT community received a good deal of support from the greater Flathead Valley community, indeed the greater statewide area of Montana and beyond, including supporters from surrounding states and Canada.

Diversity and Pride was clearly alive & well throughout the days events.

Contact the FVA at www.FlatheadValleyAlliance.org or FVA, PO Box 2815, Kalispell, MT 59903-2815 or leave message at 406-756-6707

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PRIDE OBSEVERATIONS

**By Mark Nesvig
FVA Newsletter Editor**

Pride in Kalispell was indeed alive and well, a day of equality for all people of the Flathead Valley and beyond.

The greater LGBT community have many individuals to thank for a very joyous and fun day.

Dee Boyce and DJ Lopez are to be commended for all of their hard work in organizing this event. Many other FVA members are also to be commended for sharing their time and talents.

The LGBT community publicly thanks all those community members who took a stand supporting the LGBT community in a myriad of ways. We do indeed have the community support, more than we ever thought.

From local newspapers, television media, local churches and other members of the Flathead Valley community, we thank you for your support.

From the Missoulian comes this quote: “We are all in this parade together,” said Jonathan Laurin. “All of us—gay—straight—bi, you name it. There’s one creator for us all, and that creator looks down upon all people and sees a fine line of equality in everybody. Equality means that, regardless of belief, there is no one person better than another.”

Diversity was alive and well during all Pride events. A wide spectrum of the community attended, young and old, from babies, to senior citizens.

It was a day to savor and enjoy as we celebrated the diversity of the Flathead Valley citizens, and friends and

family members from all over the state and beyond.

The FVA will continue to provide a safe environment for young and older individuals of the LGBT community [straight supporters too] in our various social activities through out the year. It’s encouraging to see the youth of our community coming to our social events and experiencing a safe environment to be themselves.

The FVA welcomes all LGBT individuals [straight too] to attend our social events throughout the year.

Diversity is alive and well in the Flathead Valley.

The opinions expressed above are those of the FVA Newsletter Editor.

You are welcome to express your personal opinions by sending them to the FVA Newsletter Editor — via our website or via US Mail. See page 1 for contact addresses.

FVA JUNE DANCE

The June FVA Dance featured a professional DJ. “Club Rock” provided a club type atmosphere for the evening.

The FVA thanks “The Dragons Den” a Flat-head Tattoo Studio for sponsoring this professional DJ.

The Dragons Den intends to sponsor a professional DJ at least once quarterly throughout the year for the FVA monthly dance.

JUNE FVA ELECTIONS RESULTS

Secretary — Dusty Driear

Vice President — Dee Boyce

Activities Director—Paul Hartmann

Political Activities — remains unfilled

Female Outreach — Heaven Brown

The following positions will be up for election in January 2010. To provide continuity of the FVA Board one-half of the Board is up for reelection every six months.

President

Treasurer

Political Officer

Newsletter Editor

Outreach—male position in January—female position in June

SUMMER ACTIVITY EVENTS

Two outdoor events will take place this summer.

In July on Sunday the 19th will go to Glacier National Park and hike the “Trail of the Cedars” an easy hike for all abilities. Bring a lunch to enjoy and check out our website for car pooling opportunities and time.

In August we will have a camp out and BBQ at the Lake. Check out the website for updates on time and location. The weather should be great in August—so come and have a good time at the Lake.

Be sure and check out “Places of Interest” on the FVA website for other LGBT activities through out Montana. It’s a time to meet old friends and make new ones in the LGBT community.

Share your opinion

Guest writers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in our FVA monthly newsletter.

Submissions can be sent to the editor via e-mail or to our FVA mailbox. See page 1 for our addresses.

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5	6	7 FVA Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Glacier Park	20	21	22	23	24	25 FVA Dance
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July 2009

July 7—FVA Monthly Meeting—Kalispell Library 7-9 pm—Basement Mtg Rm
 July 19—Trail of the Cedars Walk—Glacier National Park—check website for time
 July 25—FVA Toga Dance @ 8 pm Red Lion Fireside Room—check website for details

August 2009

August 4—FVA Monthly Meeting - Kalispell Library 7-9 pm—Basement Mtg Rm
 August 8—Camp Out & BBQ at the lake—check website for details
 August 21—Pride Dance—Red Lion @ 8 pm
 August 29—FVA monthly dance—Red Lion @ 8 pm

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