

FLATHEAD VALLEY ALLIANCE



OCTOBER 2009



OCTOBER 15

United: We can stop HIV and prevent AIDS.

Unidos: Podemos detener el VIH y prevenir el SIDA.

October 15 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD). This day marks an opportunity to increase awareness of the devastating and disproportionate effects of AIDS in the Latino community. NLAAD is also a day to encourage HIV testing and to push for support from public officials and religious leaders.

DISCUSSION GROUP

For Gay and Bi Sexual Men a discussion group will be held starting Tuesday **September 29th.**

Eight sessions will be held from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.

Contact Philip @ 756 6815 to sign up for these free discussion group sessions.

Topics of discussion will be determined by those attending. All Gay/Bi men are encouraged to attend whether you have attended before or this is your first time.

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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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY— OCTOBER 11th

The following articles are taken from Human Rights Campaign website: www.hrc.org

A RESOURCE GUIDE TO COMING OUT

Human Rights Campaign Foundation, 2006

Throughout the process of coming out and living every more openly, you should always be in the driver's seat about how, where, when and with whom you choose to be open. This guide was designed to help you through that process in realistic and practical terms. It acknowledges that the experience of coming out and living openly covers the full spectrum of human emotions—from fear to euphoria. Learn more about the Human Rights Campaign Coming Project.

To order one free copy, please visit the [Publications Request Form](#).

A STRAIGHT GUIDE TO GLBT AMERICANS

Human Rights Campaign Foundation, 2006

The Human Rights Campaign & Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) present a first of its kind guide to GLBT Americans written for straight people. The guide walks people through the emotional spectrum that people typically feel after someone comes out to them, outlines myths and facts about GLBT people, and gives easy ways for straight people to learn more and demonstrate their support for GLBT Americans.

RESOURCE GUIDE TO COMING OUT

There is no one right or wrong way to come out; It is a lifelong process of being more open and true with yourself and others.

This guide was designed to help you through that process in realistic and practical terms. This resource is great for school groups, community centers and individuals, and should be a staple in every GLBT library across the country. Whether it's for the first time ever, or the first time today, coming out may be the most important thing you do all day. Talk about it!

2009 Montana Queer and Allied Summit

On Saturday, September 19th the 2009 Montana Queer and Allied Summit was held in Bozeman, Montana. The event was hosted by: The Montana Pride Network, the MSU Diversity Awareness Office, the Queer-Straight Alliance at MSU, and the Bozeman Resource Center.

The event was attended by LGBT [Queer] individuals from all over Montana., including four Flathead Valley Alliance members, Dee Boyce, DJ Lopez, Darrell Goodwin and Mark Nesvig.

Summit Outcomes:

1. **To create 2—5 new statewide projects** that will emerge from the workshops, and occur after the summit adjourns.
2. **To build alliances and partnerships between organizations** to aid in capacity and community building.
3. **To gain knowledge and skills** to enhance organizational capacity through transformative leadership.
4. **To develop innovative approaches** to long-standing challenges.
5. **To have fun and let go** of preconceived notions of success or failure.

This first ever coordinated summit within Montana was designed to foster relationships with all LGBT [Queer] entities to join forces politically and otherwise to alleviate duplication of efforts in the community.

This includes Sustainable Fundraising, Media and Information Literacy, Taking Risks + Engagement, Community and Coalition Building, Shame, Confusion, Reality.

Speakers included, Representative Franke Wilmer, Ph.D., Chair, Montana Human Rights Commission (2005—2009) She was elected to a seat in the Montana State House and was recently elected by her colleagues to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore in the 2009-11 term. In the 2009 Legislative Session, Franke introduced the Domestic Partners Registry Bill (HB 590), and spoke about this bill. She will introduce it again in the next session.. She also spoke about other basic human right concerns in Montana.

This is just a sample of the discussion topics which took place at the Summit. Thanks to all who put together this 2009 Summit.

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October 6—FVA Monthly Meeting — Kalispell Main Library — 7—9 pm
 October 11—National Coming Out Day
 October 31 — Halloween Dance—Eagles— @ 8 pm
Upstairs ballroom

November 2009

November 3—FVA Monthly Meeting—Kalispell Main Library 7—9 pm
 November 28—FVA Monthly Dance@ 8pm—
 Eagles—upstairs ballroom
NOTE: CHECK WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFO

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