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New GLBT Peer Support Group Begins Feb. 21

El Concilio, Latino Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, is starting a weekly GLBT peer support group for adults. Beginning February 21, 2008, the "DIVERSITY Support Group" will meet every Thursday evening from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. This group will be led by Wilton J. Wielenga, LCSW from El Concilio.



This will be a safe place to share common experiences with other GLBT individuals confidentially. If you identify with the GLBT community, please join us!

- **When:** Every Thursday; Starting February 21, 2008.
- **Time:** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th St., Modesto, CA 95354

There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Ana Perez, MSW or Marcos Gallardo, MSW @ (209) 338-5715.

This program is funded by Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, and is a collaboration between El CONCILIO and the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

GSA Conference Feb. 9 in Fresno - Driver Needed!

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The **GSA Network's Conference "Expression Not Suppression"** will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2008 in Fresno, CA.

Five youth from Oakdale are in need of transportation to and from this event. The conference begins at noon and ends at 9:30 pm. GSA Network is able to reimburse a volunteer driver for mileage or pay for the cost of a rental van or SUV.



We are looking for a **responsible adult** to volunteer their driving skills and time for the day. We are seeking someone with **no felony convictions and a clean driving record (No DUIs!)**.

If you are available and willing to help, **please contact Desiree Holden, SPC Center Coordinator at coordinator@stanpride.org** no later than 5pm on Thursday, February 7.

For more info on the ENS Conference visit <http://www.gsanetwork.org/ens> or contact robin@gsanetwork.org, 559-268-2780.

GLBTQ Youth Group Valentine's Celebration - Feb. 13

GLBTQ Youth Group

(14-19 Years Old)

BRINGS YOU A

Valentines Celebration

Expect great
people,
important
information,
fabulous
music and
entertainment!

ON THE AGENDA

- * MARRIAGE EQUALITY
- * GLBTQ FRIENDLY
DATING SPOTS
- * DANCE PARTY W/MUSIC
BY TNT PRODUCTIONS*
- * FOOD, LAUGHS, GOOD
TIMES

*This is an ALCOHOL
AND DRUG FREE EVENT -
please be respectful.

Wednesday,
February 13

7-9 PM

(Doors close at
7:15 so be on time!)

COLLEGE AVENUE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1341 COLLEGE AVENUE,
MODESTO, CA

CONTACT
ED & ELIZABETH PLATA,
209-524-1169

FOR MORE INFO

www.myspace.com/lgbtqmodesto
www.stanislauspridecenter.com
[www.myspace.com/
tntproductionsdiscjockeysservice](http://www.myspace.com/tntproductionsdiscjockeysservice)

The GLBTQ Youth Group provides social opportunities and support to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth, ages 14 to 19. Youth can expect a safe, friendly, and confidential environment. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 7-9 pm at College Avenue Congregational Church, located at 1341 College Avenue (Corner of College and Orangeburg) in Modesto. Food and music will be provided. Allies are welcome. This is a secular, non-religious group.

www.myspace.com/lgbtqmodesto

For more information contact program managers, Ed and Elizabeth Plata by phone at 209-524-1169 or 209-818-2378 or by email at modteens@stanpride.org.

CV Democrats Club: GLBT Community Outreach

Come join the Central Valley Democrats at their new meeting location, The Barking Dog Grill on 11th Street at J Street, downtown Modesto. We meet the third



Thursday of every month. Next meeting is February 21.
Join us for dinner at 6pm and or the meeting starts at 7pm.

This month our featured speaker is from University of California Stanislaus lecturing on the Supreme Court and the ramifications of the upcoming election. We are looking for volunteers to help on every level.

We would particularly like someone to help out with GLBT Outreach in the community.

Just show up or contact Leslie Howard at 209-576-0096 or e-mail president@cvdemocrats.org

Spring Fling Dance on April 5 - DJ Diane

"Live, Love, and Be Free" is the theme of an upcoming Spring Fling Dance hosted by the Stanislaus PRIDE Day Committee 2008 and Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, 2008, 5pm to Midnight, at the Eagles Hall in Modesto, CA. Tickets at the door are \$15 per person. Full Bar.

Special features include a Dating Game hosted by Sondra from the OWL Empire and music by DJ Diane Pena (favorite DJ for past BACW dances).

About the DJ

Diane Pena is a single, outdoor loving girl who enjoys sports and riding her Harley. She was the Leader of the Pack at PRIDE 2007. Diane has been in Modesto, a Bay Area transplant, since 1995. She provided the music for BACW dances for four years. Diane will be retiring from her full time job in April to turn her DJ hobby into a new career.

You can contact Diane of Kustom Stars Mobile DJ Service at 209-483-9472 or reach her by e-mail: h20p00ch@aol.com

This event is hosted by the Stanislaus PRIDE Day Committee and Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.

Visit www.spcpride.org for more details.



The SPC facility is open Wednesday through Saturday from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

The mission of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center is to provide resources to strengthen and support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in Stanislaus and surrounding counties."

The SPC has three areas of focus: Culture and Community; Education and Information; Health and Wellness. PRIDE stands for "People Respecting Individuality, Diversity and Education".

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