

September event to be Art Auction on the 27th

SWANS ANNUAL FALL ART (some great, some junk) AUCTION /POTLUCK/ JUDY AND TWANA's OPEN HOUSE

AUCTION 4:30pm DINNER about 6pm
LOCATION 68 ENCHANTED TRAIL
Take HWY 15 (at TACO BELL) N towards Pinos Altos. Turn S (right) on Wide Canyon (2 roads N of Sanctuary Rd on Hwy 15) and keep bearing left in a big circle til you hit Enchanted Trail, turn right to #68. ROAD IS ROUGH. WHAT TO BRING Meat will be supplied. Please bring side dishes and your own beverage. Lawn Chairs. \$5 donation.
RSVP to rustypig@zianet.com helps to estimate number of chickens, steers, deer, bunnies and javalinas to slaughter for the event.

IF YOU HAVE ART TO CONTRIBUTE, please bring it to Sparks Clinic 1000 Hudson by Friday noon, Sept 26.



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A resource for the
GAY, LESBIAN,
BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED
HUMAN BEINGS IN NEW MEXICO.
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who will find it useful.

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SWANS gets moving in some new directions

According to Tad, "What we would like to do is change the RHF into a scholarship for a deserving LGBT youth or adult for further education, to get job training, or a few bucks toward college. (The was fine with Rick and Bob). Once a year the proposal is announced based on the money we budget and a committee decides what to do. Not the board

We would like to change the SWANS fund to have a grant process. Non-Profits or worthy causes "APPLY" to a committee and the committee decides. 10 or 15 people can be on each committee. As a board we would develop the guidelines, process and overall goals. We would ask what the money was going to be used for and what the outcome of the event was.

I don't think we can do this in just a few weeks but this is our goal for the next year. QUEER positive giving. Decisions are made follow

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Sittin' on the corner, watchin' all the oh, well

Fortunately there were other things to do in August,
most notably the 3rd Saturday potluck at Martha R's home.

Lots of good food and good company.





WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

This is the story of our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers, as they lived only 90 years ago. Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed nonetheless for picketing the White House, carrying signs asking for the vote. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of 'obstructing sidewalk traffic.'

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack.

Thus unfolded the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because--why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining? Why did the chicken cross the road?

WHY DID THE CHICKEN ... ?

BARACK OBAMA: The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a CHANGE! The chicken wanted CHANGE!

JOHN MC CAIN: My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure -- right from Day One! -- that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.....

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

JOHN KERRY: Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

JERRY FALWELL: Because the chicken was gay! Can't you people see the plain truth? That's why they call it the 'other side'. Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you will become gay too. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media white washes with seemingly harmless phrases like 'the other side. That chicken should not be crossing the road. It's as plain and as simple as that.

DICK CHENEY: Where's my gun?

GAY CANDIDATE WINS A COLORADO PRIMARY

By DAN FROSCH

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DENVER Jared Polis, a 33-year-old openly gay entrepreneur from Boulder, beat two opponents on Tuesday night to win the Democratic primary to fill Representative Mark Udall's seat in Congress. Mr. Udall, a Democrat, is running for the Senate, and if Mr. Polis is elected to replace him in November, he would become the third openly gay or lesbian member of Congress.

"I think this sends a signal to young gays and lesbians across the country that they can consider a career in public service and they shouldn't be scared away from that merely because of their sexual orientation," said Mr. Polis, who introduced his partner, Marlon Reis, during a raucous victory party on Tuesday night. Mr. Polis, who poured more than \$5 million of his own money into the campaign, narrowly defeated Joan Fitz-Gerald, the former State Senate president, and Will Shafroth, a conservationist, winning just over 40 percent of the vote.

Mr. Polis, who made a fortune co-founding an online greeting card Web site, bluemountain.com, and was elected to the State Board of Education in 2000, is favored to win in November against the Republican candidate, Scott Starin, as well as candidates from the Green and Unity Parties, in the mainly Democratic Second Congressional District.

ing board guidelines by committee members. This does not preclude we wouldn't give money to someone whose house burnt down or had a catastrophic illness/event. If the board and membership agreed.

This does 2 things -- it creates a transparent process for all to follow, If you want money fill out form x, y, x and the blue one called D, We have clear guidelines and we have 10 or 15 people make the decision. Final decisions are made by members."

He adds, "We have a lot of guidelines and rules to write and we need your help."

SWANS minutes

8/7/08 6:30 p.m.

Present: Tad, Coit, Jim, Charlie
Meeting called to order by Tad.

Treasure's Report: Jim

SWANS checking account balance \$2,869.08
Hoefler Fund account balance \$2,114.00
Outstanding Loans (write offs?) <\$2,321.00>
Pending reconciliation with bank statements

Discussion Items:

- 1- Emergency loans would become emergency grants, with an application reviewed by committee.
- 2- To establish the Hofler Scholarship Fund for post high school education. The process would involve an application that included an essay (min. 500 words), GPA, community volunteerism and choice of major course of study or training.

Action Items:

Art Auction - Date Sept 27, 2008, 4th Sat of the month. Location - Twana and Judy's house in Pinos Altos Time - TBA in GNET
Net proceeds from this fund raiser will be distributed to the following:

Hofler Scholarship Fund

PFLAG

Education on gay and lesbian issues to be determined by committee. Education can include but not be limited to LGBT youth or LGBT health. Sources of education can include but not be limited to speakers, website, events or publications.

Submitted by acting secretary: Coit



At our October 15th meeting, PFLAG is once again having a candidate forum. The last time we did this, it was well attended by the candidates, and it's looking like the same will be true this year. Both Republicans and Democrats are showing considerable interest!

Put it on your calendar -- October 15th at 5:30pm -- and then make sure you show up. This is your chance to see where candidates really stand on the issues that matter to you. We'll have time for them to talk, and for us to ask questions.

Tyler



Going to the ART AUCTION?
Be SURE to look out for Killer's fangs if you surprise him at the gate. (AKA Sancho Mylene Herrera de Vasques-Rodriquez JoseMaria Garcia)

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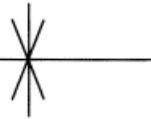
september calendar	
sunday	Brunch at Isaac's, 200 N. Bullard at noon Look for the rainbow flag.
wednesday	Every second Wednesday. PFLAG. 530pm, St Mary's, 1809 Alabama.
thursday	6pm game night at Javalina's AND same time and place : NRG -- Next Rainbow Generation, for teens
saturday	this month it's the ART AUCTION on Saturday the 27th (see page 1)

celebrating

Gary S. 9/6, Lupe C. 9/7, Elma G. 9/9, Tad V. 9/13, Ray M. 9/13, Del 9/17 (it's the big Nine Oh!), Megan R 9/23, Terry G & Henry G 9/24/95, Cindy & Katrina (Texans moving here soon), Liz R 9/25

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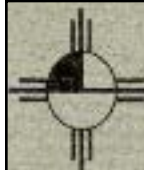
Sunday, September 21
Alexandra

Russian grandmother visits soldier
grandson in Chechnya.
Beautiful places. Ugly war.
4pm at the Real West Cinema



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