



New Committee

We have started off with a positive note! The new committee has held its first meeting. Some tasks have been re-allocated and everyone seems keen to keep PFLAG moving forward. However we still have one position vacant if anyone is interested.

Our projects so far are the country tour of regional areas in April which is progressing well. The second is to encourage the removal of homophobic humour and slurs from the media, this is to be done in conjunction with the Anti Discrimination Commission.

We also plan more resources, the raising of more awareness and regular advertising. We are also organizing and researching at least two letter writing campaigns to the government regarding homophobia in high schools and sodomy laws regarding equality.

Official Welcome for 2005

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2005 and a big welcome to Andy Pudmenzky who is taking on the task of Newsletter Editor.

We feel very fortunate to have someone replace Vicky so quickly and to have similar computer skills and enthusiasm.

If you have any comments about the newsletter, please let me know.

- Shelley

Events - Seventh day Adventist Kinship...

We have received an invitation to a Seventh day Adventist Kinship meeting. This is a voluntary, non profit support organization devoted to the spiritual, emotional, social and physical well being of current and former Adventists who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

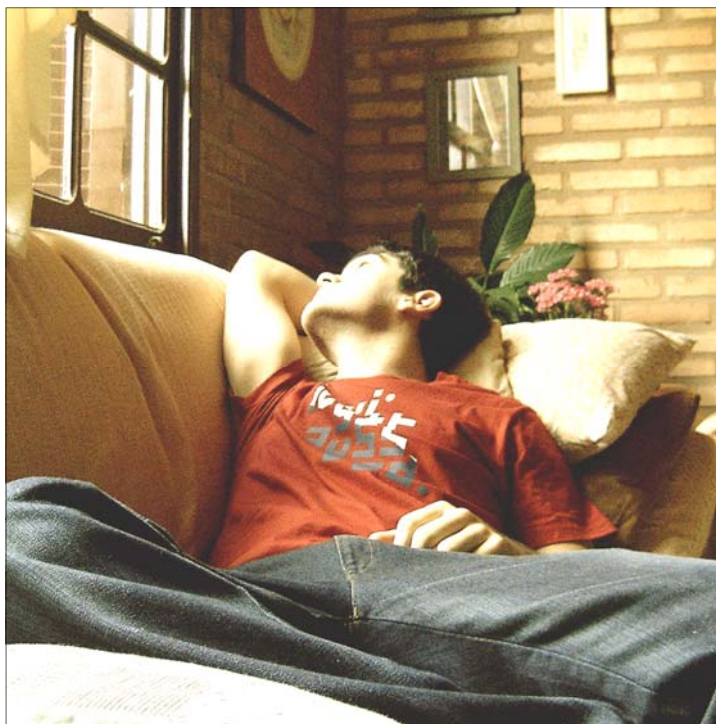
Dr. Wendell Rosevear will be a guest speaker. He is a highly regarded doctor in the gay community. Deanna Pitchford is a clinical psychologist will also be speaking.

A light lunch will be provided for a gold coin donation.

Date / time: Sunday, 6th February at 11am

Location: 139 Constance Street, Fortitude Valley

Please RSVP by 20th January to Shelley on (07) 3017 1739 or to the SDA Kinship on (07) 3321 1101.



Next PFLAG meeting

Our guest speaker will be Susan Booth, Commissioner for the Anti Discrimination Commission of Queensland who will be speaking about vilification and the media.

Date: 5th February

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Cnr Edmonstone Street and Melbourne Street, West End.

Parking is available at the rear of the building (off Edmonstone Street).

Hope to see you there!

Membership

Please remember we are 100% voluntary and receive no government funding. Plus now we have costs because Queensland Health no longer permit the Queensland AIDS Council to financially support any LGBT organization we really need your support.

PFLAG relies on private donations and membership fees and PFLAG is tax deductible because we operate under the auspices of Queensland AIDS Council.

Membership is \$25 annually.

To renew your membership, or to become a member, please call Shelley.

Events - Sexpo

This year Lyn will co-ordinate this awareness raising event. So if you would like to volunteer to give out brochures and talk to people about PFLAG please give Lyn a call on 30171739. This event will be held between 24th and 27th February at the Convention Centre, South Brisbane.

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