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e-Pw brings you a glimpse of events near and far, from around your neighborhood to around our world. Current events, arts and entertainment information is sent to our constituents, friends and supporters; it's another service of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

Stanislaus PRIDE 2008

YOU are invited to an open house kick-off party

Did you have a blast at Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007? Are you interested in joining the effort to make our local pride celebration here even better in 2008? Potential volunteers are being sought to join as leaders on the Stanislaus PRIDE 2008 committee.

Returning members to the '08 committee from '07 are looking to broaden the diversity of the committee, and to bring new ideas to the table. If you are interested in joining the effort in '08, please come to an open house kick-off party, planned for the afternoon/evening of Sunday, October 21st. The open house will allow you and other community members interested in joining the 2008 committee to meet the returning members from the 2007 team in a relaxed, festive setting.

The open-house kick off party will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 21st, at the home of Desiree Holden (the SPC's Center Coordinator), 1513 W. Roseburg Avenue in Modesto. Food, beverages and wine will be served.

For more information contact the Stanislaus PRIDE 2008 committee co-chairs, Cari Pouchnik (cmpouchnik3@yahoo.com) or Jerime Black (jblack2614@yahoo.com).

United States

From October 7th - 13th, straights across the nation "come out" supporting equal GLBT rights

Stanislaus County

O.E.S.C.I. events help to support SPC, others

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc . (O.E.S.C.I.) has a number of upcoming activities planned. Their events usually include a no-host bar, different foods, and entertainment with local drag queens, female impersonators, and lyp-sync performers.

After paying expenses, money raised from O.E.S.C.I. events is donated to charitable groups. This year, 50% of all money raised from the group's regular BINGO affairs will be donated to the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. Here some upcoming happenings...

October 13th Closet Ball at Eagle's Hall, 134 Camellia in Modesto. This event is your chance to try out drag or the first time in front of a live audience. 7:00 PM; \$15.00 cover charge.

October 22nd Win prizes playing BINGO at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th St, Modesto (no bar at BINGO). 7:00 PM; \$6.00 per card.

October 27th Imperial Crown Princess Ball: A Twisted Wizard of Oz. Again, at Eagle's Hall. 7:00 PM; \$15.00 cover charge.

November 9th, 10th and 11th. Coronation Weekend (details in *e-PRIDE weekly* soon).

[Visit the O.E.S.C.I.'s MySpace for more...](#)

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Matthew Shephard Foundation and SPC reaching out to engage YOU in a new conversation

Straight allies across the nation demand equality for GLBT Americans from October 7th through 13th. In coordination with National Coming Out Month (October), [Atticus Circle](#) and [Soulforce](#) have teamed up with folks across the country for **Seven Straight Nights for Equal Rights**.

The effort is an organized campaign of overnight vigils that provide straight allies with an opportunity to stand up and be counted for equal rights. Vigils are led by families, individuals or groups, and focus on personal decisions to speak out on behalf of equality.

Depending on the state, leaders will either offer thanks for the state's positive record or issue a call to action on pertinent issues such as hate crimes, employment discrimination and marriage equality.

[To participate or to learn more, check out "Seven Straight Nights" online...](#)

The Matthew Shepard Foundation and the [National Association of LGBT Community Centers](#) (of which the SPC is a member) invite you to be part of the launch of [Matthew's Place](#), and participate in a national conversation about disenfranchised and homeless LGBTQ youth in America.

Through an online video stream on October 12, Judy Shepard will introduce you to [Matthew's Place](#) and discuss the realities facing disenfranchised and homeless LGBTQ youth.

Join us at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th Street, Modesto, to watch Judy's introduction launch to the web site on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 PM, and participate in a facilitator-led discussion on LGBTQ youth in *our* community.

For more information, contact Tery Powers at getinvolved@stanpride.org.

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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