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SPC Board Member named Outstanding Woman of Stanislaus County 2008!

Gina Pallotta has been named an Outstanding Woman of Stanislaus County 2008 by the Stanislaus County Commission for Women.



Among her many achievements, **Gina began the first GLBT-specific counseling program in Stanislaus County, at no cost.** She continues to seek funds to expand the program and supervises CSU graduate-level student interns in providing counseling services at the PRIDE center.

The Counseling Program continues to be one the most utilized services at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. We are deeply grateful for Gina's commitment to the well-being of the GLBT community and her tireless compassion in providing counseling services that are so critically needed. We are honored to work with such an individual.

[Read an article in the Modesto Bee](#) highlighting Outstanding Women of Stanislaus County 2008.

"Friends of the Court" Article Series interviews SPC

In preparation for oral arguments in the same-sex





Event Highlights

March 26 - [GLBTQ Youth Group, Modesto, CA](#)

March 20 - [Pride Day Committee 2008 Cocktail Party, Modesto, CA](#)

April 4-5 - [PFLAG Yard Sale, Modesto, CA](#)

April 5 - [Spring Fling Dance, Modesto, CA](#)

September 27 - [Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008](#)



marriage case before the CA Supreme Court on March 4, more than 90 briefs were filed by the parties to six consolidated lawsuits and from "friends of the court," with an interest in the case.

To help the community digest the legal reasoning behind the briefs and meet the people who crafted the arguments, the *Bay Area Reporter* teamed up with Marriage Equality USA to launch a new online series called Friends of the Court.

The Stanislaus PRIDE Center was one of several pride organizations in California that signed on in support of the amicus brief for the Anti Defamation League and LGBT Centers.

SPC Center Coordinator, Desiree Holden, was interviewed for an articles in the online series.

Read the article: ["Friends of the Court: DPs fall short on privacy"](#)

View the entire series: ["Online series looks at legal arguments in marriage case"](#)

Pride Day 2008 Committee Cocktail Party, March 20

Be a force for positive change and help grow PRIDE in your community!



Join the Stanislaus PRIDE Day Committee 2008 for a cocktail party at 7pm on March 20 (first day of spring) at the home of Jerime Black, PRIDE Committee Chair Person.

Light hors d'oeuvres wine and refreshments will be served.

Bring a friend!

Please RSVP to 209-602-0155 or by email at info@spcpride.org

SAVE THE DATE

Stanislaus Pride Day 2008

"Live. Love. Be Free."

September 27, 2008

<http://www.spcpride.org>

**Save the Date: OESCI Ducal Ball 2008
"Miracle on 34th Street"**

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc. and The Midgets, Mayhem, Glowsticks & Fun

Owl Court of the 34th Reign in Modesto, California

PRESENTS:

**Ducal Ball 2008
"Miracle on 34th Street"**



"The DUCAL Event of the Year"

Saturday, August 30th, 2008

Eagle's Hall in Modesto

Doors Open @ 7pm

Show Starts @ 8pm

\$15.00 Cover Charge

Your Hosts:

- Imperial Grand Duke 34 - Ryan Hernandez
- Imperial Grand Duchess 34 - Kiki Peru St. James

Special Guest Performances by:

- Empress 33 of San Diego - LaLa Too
- Empress 36 & 38 of Los Angeles - Vi
- Empress 29 of Salt Lake City - Syren Wind Archer Vaughn

Plenty of Raffles, Food and Fun
Full Service Bar for Refreshments

For more information, please contact:

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The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc. is a non-profit organization registered with the State of California as a 501[c] 4 status. Fundraising is our

Passion. Donating to Charities is our Reward.

We are asking for your help and support on August 30th, 2008.

A portion of money raised this night will benefit the following:

- #1 - Shiner's Children Hospital in Northern California
- #2 - The Stanislaus County Pride Center
- #3 - The Stanislaus County AIDS Project

Please mark your calendars and come support these worthwhile causes.

Correction: TG Support Group Meets Weekly!

SPC's Transgender Peer Support Group is now meeting **every Wednesday** at 7:30 pm.



This group is open to all Transitioning, Transitioned and Gender-Questioning individuals. We provide an accepting, caring, kind and nonjudgmental environment in which all Transgender issues and concerns can be expressed. Although our paths may be similar, we all have different situations and life goals. While we celebrate our commonality, we respect our differences and our right to have them.

If you have never sat in a room with a dozen or more Transgender persons, each sharing and caring with each other, you are missing a unique opportunity for growth and fellowship.

We Transgendered have lived lives of quiet isolation. Break free of that isolation and meet with us.

If you would like to attend a meeting please contact the Stanislaus PRIDE Center at (209) 338-0855, or e-mail the TG Support person: tgsupport@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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