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Mission Statement:

The Central California Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive change, equal rights, social and networking opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through programs of community service and philanthropy.

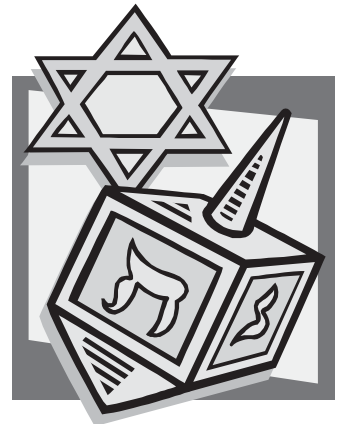
Purpose & Objectives:

- To provide quality social events and educational activities for the lesbian/gay community and to promote the positive images and aspects of lesbian/gay culture throughout Central California.
- To provide a resourceful arena for professional and business networking within the lesbian/gay community.
- To provide and promote programs for community education, for all persons of Central California, which will project positive, healthy and inclusive images of lesbian and gay life.
- To provide a forum for social and political advocacy which shall assure full civil rights, access and equal opportunity.



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CCA HOLIDAY PARTY!



Get Ready for CCA's 4th Annual Talent Night

Tuesday, January 27, 2004
Roger Rocka's Music Hall, Fresno

Roger Rocka's will once again be filled with CCA members and guests for an evening filled with song, dance and laughs as CCA presents the 4th Annual Talent Night.

If you were at last year's performance, you'll want to be sure to see this year's show. And, if you've not yet attended Talent Night, you are in for a treat!

This year's scheduled performers include singers Shereen Crosby, Joanna Lee, Steve Pepper and John Kizak, plus the groups Three From The Heart, Blackberry Jam and the Rainbow Singers.

Dennis Potts and John Becah will serve as Masters of Ceremonies.

The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a no-host social. The buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and the entertainment will begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets for this fun-filled evening are \$30.00 for CCA members and \$40.00 for CCA guests.

Please make your reservation by January 20th. Save a stamp and make a reservation online @ www.ccafresno.org. Details: 265-7117.

CCA Annual Holiday Party

Saturday,
December 13th,
7-10 PM

Join CCA members and friends at the annual Holiday Party to be held on Saturday, December 14th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM in the evening at the El Adobe Clubhouse in Fresno.

Please see the enclosed flyer for location and additional information.

Details online @ www.ccafresno.org.

About CCA:

Founded in 1993, the Central California Alliance [CCA] is a Fresno-based community-service organization supported through membership dues, as well as fundraising events. CCA is registered as a 501[c]4 non-profit organization with the IRS.

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Re-Newing Members of CCA

Single

Anonymous [3]
John Hernandez
Cordell Jelf
Diana Bohn
Rhomie Thompson
Judith Parker

Household

Anonymous [4]
James Carr and Lloyd Flores
Pam & Randall Rouda
Jeri Echevarria and Leslie Farlow
Pat Barr and Jan Sangster

President's Single

Kilulu Von Prince

President's Household

Peter Robertson and Victor Kral
Dinah Davis and Mary Stephens

Special Thanks to CCA

Dear CCA Board Members and Supporters,

Thank you for your generous support to Rainbow Haven. Your donation of \$500.00 assisted us in furnishing one of the rooms in the shelter. As you know Rainbow Haven is operated solely by donations such as yours.

Rainbow Haven has been open since July 1, 2003 and has served 29 clients that are primarily victims of family violence, however, we also take persons that are homeless when space is available. It is through generous donations like yours that allowed us to open the only Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender shelter between LA and San Francisco and the third in the state.

On behalf of all our clients, thank you very much.

Charlotte Jenks
Executive Director



HUMA Productions presents a special dance party with the theme **UNGARIA: Dance For Life**, a fundraiser to be held on Sunday, December 14th at 10 PM at Club Dance: The Future of Nightlife, which is under new ownership. [3075 North Maroa Avenue, Fresno]. Tickets are priced at \$5 per person. **All proceeds benefit The Living Room**, a local non-profit organization. For details, please call 485-6085 or 224-1024.



Rhomie Thompson, a CCA member, has designed a holiday greeting card titled "Wonderment & Innocence" for **All About Care/Camp Care**. Cards are priced at \$10 each or \$100 for a box of 12. Deadline to order is December 8th. Please call 222-9471 for details.

Sweet Honey In The Rock!

Friday, December 12
Warnor's Theatre, Fresno



A Grammy Award-winning African American female a cappella ensemble, Sweet Honey In The Rock has deep musical roots in the sacred music of the black church - spirituals, hymns, gospel - as well as jazz and blues.

Founded in the fall of 1973, Sweet Honey's commitment to the black musical forms of its heritage, ancestral and modern, as as unifying, communal force against oppression of all types - racial oppression being just the starting point.

The Sweet Honey experience is like no other. Five African American women join their powerful voices, along with hand percussion instruments, to create a blend of lyrics, movement and narrative that variously relate history, point the finger at injustice, encourage activism, and sing the praises of love. The music speaks out against oppression and exploitation of every kind. The quintet, whose words are simultaneously interpreted in uniquely expressive American Sign Language, demands a just and humane world for all.

Tickets and details: 264-2848 /
www.sweethoney.com

Fresno REEL Pride: "Mambo Italiano"

Friday, December 27
Tower Theatre, Fresno



Maria and Gino emigrated from Italy to Montreal in the 1950's and married after their arrival in "the new world", a world they still haven't quite gotten used to. Their world is shattered when their son, Angelo decides to get a place of his own. "What is so wrong with living with your parents until you get married?" they ask.

They are relieved however, when Angelo's childhood buddy, Nino decides to move in with their son. After all, Nino is an old family friend and he's a respectable cop. Their relief is short-lived, as they find out that Nino and Angelo are lovers!

All hell breaks loose! Horror is followed by a general outcry, disbelief is followed by indignation, the battlefield is cleared, and "tutta la famiglia" goes to war!

Mambo Italiano is hysterically funny and deeply moving. Adapted from the successful play by the same name, the movie explores further the subtleties and complexities of this quintessential Italian family-a family straddling the cultures, traditions of the old and new worlds.

Tickets and details: 488-6562 /
www.reelpride.com



"In the Life"

Monday, Dec. 7th
KVPT Channel 18
@ 11:00 PM

Hosted by Cherry Jones
and David Marshall
Grant.

- The Fundamental Fight- the religious right's crusade against lesbians and gays.
- Battle for the Box- responses to the PBS broadcast of Debra Chasoff's "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in Schools."
- Children's Books, Adult Battles- Wichita Falls places "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate" in the local library.
- Measure 9- a Christian group proposes an amendment declaring homosexuality "abnormal."
- Gay Muslims- gay men, their families and faith.
- Ex-Gays- converting gays and lesbians into heterosexuals.
- Promise Keepers- Christian men reclaim patriarchal supremacy.
- Black is... Black ain't- the late African-American filmmaker Marlon Riggs.

Details:

www.inthelife.org



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CCA Events & Meetings

December:

- 8 - "In the Life" on Valley Public Television
KVPT Channel 18
Sponsored by CCA
Details: www.kvpt.org
- 13 - CCA HOLIDAY PARTY
Adobe Clubhouse, Fresno
Details: 265-7117
www.ccafresno.org

January 2004:

- 5 - "In the Life" on Valley Public Television
KVPT Channel 18
Sponsored by CCA
Details: www.kvpt.org
- 6 - CCA Board Meeting
- 27 - CCA TALENT NIGHT
Roger Rocka's Music Hall
Tower District, Fresno
Buy your tickets today!
Online @ www.ccafresno.org

Community Events

December:

- 5 - Fresno Filmworks: "The Cuckoo"
Tower Theatre, Fresno
Details: www.fresnofilmworks.org
- 7 - HBO: "Angels In America," Part I
- 12 - Sweet Honey In The Rock
Warnors Theatre, Fresno
Details: 264-2848
- 14 - UNGARIA: Dance for Life
Proceeds benefit The Living Room
Details: 485-6085
- 14 - HBO: "Angels In America," Part II
- 19 - "It's a Queer Thang," 5-6 PM
with Jeff Robinson
KFCF 88.1 FM
- 26 - Fresno REEL Pride: "Mambo Italiano"
Tower Theatre, Fresno
Details: www.reelpride.com

January 2004:

- 9 - Fresno Filmworks: "Painted Fire"
Tower Theatre, Fresno
- 10 - IDC: Closet Ball
Fresno County Plaza, Fresno
Details: 299-0640 / 251-9589
- 16 - "It's a Queer Thang," 5-6 PM
with Jeff Robinson
KFCF 88.1 FM



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Mrs. Claus in 77th Annual Macy's Parade

Actor Harvey Fierstein — Broadway's most famous drag queen — was dressed as the Mrs. Claus while riding downtown in New York City on a float in Macy's 77th annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Fierstein, star of the Broadway musical hit "Hairspray" and an openly gay three-time Tony Award winner, also wrote an op-ed piece in "The New York Times" promoting his planned homage to Mrs. Claus during the parade.

Fierstein appeared as his "Hairspray" character, Edna Turnblad — but dressed as Mrs. Claus.



HBO: "Angels In America"

Winner of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

Winner of the 1993 Tony Award for Best Play

Al Pacino [Scent of a Woman], Meryl Streep [Kramer vs. Kramer] and Emma Thompson [Howards End] lead an all-star cast in this two-part, six-chapter movie event.

Directed by Mike Nichols [The Graduate, HBO's Wit] and written by Tony Kushner based on his Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Angels In America" is a monumental film achievement set in a world where fantasy and reality interact in the twilight before the new millennium.