

Message from the Chair:

“Creating a safe, welcoming, and empowering community for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people”

This is the mission statement of 4cGlad, but how do we go about accomplishing this? As I see it, there are two main elements, first, personal acceptance and second, community acceptance.

4cGlad is not about forming a “gay ghetto” but about creating a space where GLBT people and their friends can come together to share fun times and discuss issues of importance to them. And for those struggling to come to terms with their sexuality, it is important that they see an active organization where they can feel safe and are able to talk with people that are going or have already gone down the road of self discovery. 4cGlad is about showing these people that there are others like them - “normal” people just trying to create a life for themselves in the community. Many of us “older” GLBT people moved to larger cities when we were first coming out, because we saw the larger cities as more accepting of our sexuality. We have now returned to the small communities through out the country, and we should make sure that those just beginning the process of accepting their sexuality have the support and resources that many of us were missing in our own journeys.

In addition, during this time of pride celebrations throughout the world, there have been discussions about trying to create a pride celebration in the 4Corners Area. Sometime in the future this would be a great endeavor, but any event that 4cGlad organizes should be seen as a pride event, whether it is a Happy Hour, BBQ, Picnic, Campout, Hiking Trip, Dance, etc. One of the goals of 4cGlad is about showing the larger community that GLBT people live and work in the local communities. We are brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, schoolteachers, waiters, health care providers, managers, construction workers, and all types of other people. We are an integral part of the local community, and we need to make ourselves visible.

As part of these efforts, 4cGlad has become a part of the Durango Herald's “Heart of the Herald”. In July, a 4cGlad advertisement will start running in the paper along with the other local not for profit organizations. The Herald will also publish announcements in the local briefs for up coming events. If you missed it, the Herald ran an announcement for the Annual Picnic at Chris Park earlier this month. On the new website which should be up and running shortly, we have added a page for gay friendly businesses. Please visit and support these establishments as they are showing their support for us. It is our goal to become more visible within our local communities, so that all of us can feel comfortable, safe, and proud of whom we are.

See you at the many upcoming events this summer -

Board Chair

Membership Renewal:

The last two issues of the Lifeline were mailed as a complimentary gift of 4cGlad, so that you could become accustomed to receiving it again and discover that 4cGlad is alive and well. However, the cost for printing and mailing the Lifeline is around \$200.00 per month. In addition to this expense, 4cGlad has other operating expenses such as the website, the GladLine, dances, picnics, and campouts. We always hate to ask for money, but it is a necessity to keep the organization running. Therefore, we are once more asking you to become a member of the group. With your membership, you will receive mailings of the Lifeline and discounted entrance to dances and events. Memberships are not expensive, but will go a long way to making the organization a vital and integral part of the 4Corners region. Please consider becoming a member today.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ \$35 individual membership _____ \$50 couple / family membership

**Additional donations are greatly appreciated
Please make checks payable to 4cGlad.**

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_____ Please check if you wish to receive The Lifeline and updates by e-mail to help save the expense of postage and printing.

_____ Please check if 4cGlad may share your address only with like minded organizations.

**4cGlad promises to keep your contact information confidential.
Please mail to 4cGlad, PO Box 1656, Durango, CO 81302**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 9, Sat** Flea Market fundraiser - **CANCELED**
- July 9, Sat** Grab a tube or raft and float down the Animas
Will depend on the water flow of the river!
Check the website for more details
- July 9, Sat** Happy Hour – 7:00pm
J.Bo's Pizza and Rib Company
Florida Road and North College Drive, Durango
- July 16, Sat** Pot Luck BBQ at Glenn and Scott's – 12 noon until ?
1900 Southside River Road, Farmington, NM
From Durango: into Farmington on Main St, left at the light
just past Big K = Browning Parkway, go 2.5 miles to 2nd light,
turn right on Southside River Road, 2 miles down on Right,
blue metal fence
Bring something for the grill, drinks, and a side dish to share
- July 22-24** Annual Campout
McPhee Reservoir – Dolores, CO
Come for the weekend or just the day!
See the flyer on back for more information
- July 30, Sat** Happy Hour – 7:00pm
J. Bo's Pizza and Rib Company
Florida Road and North College Drive
- August 6, Sat** Happy Hour – 7:00pm
J. Bo's Pizza and Rib Company
Florida Road and North College Drive
- August 13, Sat** BBQ at Greg's Place – 3pm until ?
7778 CR 501, Bayfield
From Durango: Hwy 160 East, at light in Bayfield, turn left on
CR 501 towards Vallecito, go 7.5 miles, last house on right
before crossing Los Pinos River
Bring something for the grill, drinks, and a side dish to share
- August 20, Sat** Happy Hour – 7:00pm
Location to be determined
- Oct. 29, Sat** Halloween Dance – 8:00pm
Bistro 701
Start planning those costumes!
- Nov. 12, Sat** AIDS Benefit
Durango Arts Center

Check the website (4cGlad.org) for more information on all events.
To contact us, please e-mail info@4cGlad.org or call 970-884-0597.