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From the Editor's Desk:

The "Q" Word

Last month, I forwarded an email from DignityUSA which used the word queer in the subject line. The chapter received a few complaints saying how offended they were with that word. I will admit when I first saw the word, I was also taken aback. Being raised during the gay liberation movement (Now that's a term you don't hear anymore!), queer was the same as faggot or homo. Now, young GLBTs have embraced the word as their own and use it as a term of pride. It shows how things have changed for young GLBTs.

On the other hand, some things have not changed. Last month, a sophomore from Taravella High School committed suicide, apparently the result of being bullied because he was on the school's cheerleading team and was perceived as being gay. Many students at the high schools wrote "Love more, hate less" on their wrists in memory of their fellow schoolmate. Many young straight students are accepting of GLBTs but it only takes a handful of people to shake the self-worth of a young GLBT to his or her core. It is hard to imagine that a young person being raised in one of the most progressive counties in the country could feel such despair, that he would commit suicide. As much as we think things have changed, in some cases things are the same.



Upcoming Events:

*Every Sunday 7:00 PM..... Liturgy
June 16th 5:30 PMDinner/Movie Night
Jun 23rd 8:00 PMGay Men's Chorus Concert
Jun 24th Noon – 6 PMPride Fest*

Is it that odd that some young GLBTs are so comfortable with their sexual orientation that they will use a word like queer to identify themselves while others are so petrified of it that they see suicide as their only option? Like so many older GLBTs, some of us are comfortable being GLBT and others are safely secure in their closet.

We each make choices about our lives based on our life experiences. As far as the word queer goes, I choose the word gay instead. I don't have the life experience to be comfortable with the word queer. If the next generation wants to call them queer, that is their choice. Whatever word we choose to define ourselves as, we should accept the choices of others.

George

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT ***SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 5:30 P.M.***

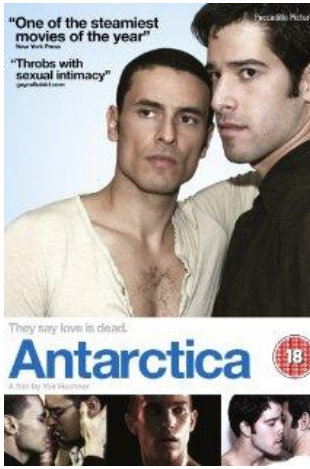
Our monthly dinner and movie night will be held on Saturday, June 16th at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the La Primavera located at 830 E Oakland Park Blvd. Afterwards we will go to see either the movie version of the Broadway show "Rock of Ages" with Tom Cruise or go to the Stonewall Library and see the gay film "Antarctica". The following is a description of the film: In a light-hearted comedic fashion, Omer is miserable because he's about to turn 30 and he hasn't found love

or his true purpose in life. However, he's not really looking very hard. He prefers to lose himself among the stacks of books at the local library and immerse himself in a series of delicious one night stands. He becomes intrigued by Danny, a young dancer, who energizes his libido but not his ambition. He resists the attentions of Ronen, a handsome journalist, who understands him and sparks his imagination.

So, who do you choose?



Tom Cruise/Twitter



If you plan to attend the dinner or the movie, please contact George Cullen at 954-465-3317 or at GFCullen@bellsouth.net by Friday night, June 15th.

HAPPY GAY PRIDE DAY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TEAM DIGNITY'S AIDS WALK PARTICIPANTS

Our chapter raised \$700 for the Florida Aids Walk. The walk raised over \$826,000 which will be donated to such organizations like Poverello, Broward House, Children's Diagnostic and Sunserve. We wish to thank everyone who participated or donated.

SOUTH FLORIDA GAY MEN'S CHORUS SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD 8:00 PM

The South Florida Gay Men's Chorus will hold their Gay Pride concert, "Take Me to the Moon", on Saturday, June 23rd at MCC Sunshine Cathedral. Ticket prices are \$30 and can be purchased online at gaymenchorusofsouthflorida.org. In addition, George has purchased six tickets and four are available for members and friends on a first come, first serve basis. If you plan to attend, please contact George at 954-465-3317 or at GFCullen@bellsouth.net.



