

Leadership Award at the annual convention of Log Cabin Republicans held May 2-6 in Denver, Colo. S.C. Log Cabin was one of only two chapters around the country receiving an award at the convention.

The award was national recognition of the Chapter's radio ad to fight the discriminatory, anti-gay Amendment #1 last November. The Chapter was also recognized for sending members as delegates to the GOP county conventions in Charleston County and Greenville County this spring.

The national convention also included other Palmetto State influences:

- Bill Oberst, an S.C. Log Cabin member from Pawley's Island, gave his presentation, "In His Image: the Biology of Sexual Orientation." Oberst has already made that presentation around South Carolina, and he will continue to tour the Carolinas and Tennessee in the coming months.
- S.C. Log Cabin members, Philip Bradley and Doug Warner, serve on the national board of directors of Log Cabin Republicans.
- Saturday night's grand finale gala included a silent and live auction with the "Charleston Getaway" package bringing in the highest bid of all auction items — over \$5,000.

#### Lobby and advocacy training

GREENVILLE — The South Carolina Equality Coalition will be hosting lobby/advocacy training entitled "Getting Your Legislator's Vote" on May 26 in Greenville. The program is free, lasts about two hours and will help participants learn how to lobby the state and federal legislators more effectively.

The training will be conducted by Dr. John Ruoff, research director of South Carolina Fair Share. He has over 30 years experience as a lobbyist, policy analyst and organizer, principally in South Carolina. Ruoff has designed the training to provide attendees with the skills needed to advocate policy changes on LGBT issues.

The training session begins at 2 p.m. and will continue to 4 p.m. in the Greenville Technical College University Transfer Auditorium (Building 104) located at 506 South Pleasantburg Dr.

For more information or to RSVP by May 26, visit [eqfed.org/scequality/events/greenville\\_lobbytraining/details.tcl](http://eqfed.org/scequality/events/greenville_lobbytraining/details.tcl).

#### Pride picnic

COLUMBIA — Bring dogs, kids, friends, families and significant others to South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement's Pride Picnic on May 20. The fun kicks off at noon and continues until 5 p.m. This year the picnic will be held at Sesquicentennial State Park off Two Notch Rd. at Picnic Shelter number four.

The park features hiking, biking and walking trails, a children's playground area, a dog park, canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Bring drinks (no alcohol is allowed in the park) and a dish to share.

Paper plates, napkins, cups and plastic ware will be provided.

For more information, visit [www.southcarolinaparks.com](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com).

**info:** Announce your community event in SC News Notes. email: [editor@q-notes.com](mailto:editor@q-notes.com) or fax 704-531-1361.

#### Statewide S.C. Resource Guide Spartanburg Chapter of PFLAG

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, call 864-574-1253 or email [PFLAG-Spartanburg@pflagupstategsc.org](mailto:PFLAG-Spartanburg@pflagupstategsc.org).

#### Greenville Chapter of PFLAG Meeting

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, call 864-232-2988 or email [PFLAG-Greenville@pflagupstategsc.org](mailto:PFLAG-Greenville@pflagupstategsc.org).

#### Anderson/Clemson PFLAG Meeting

The Anderson-Clemson Chapter of PFLAG meets every fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Call 864-654-5959 or 864-944-8620 for information or email [PFLAG-AndersonClemson@pflagupstategsc.org](mailto:PFLAG-AndersonClemson@pflagupstategsc.org).

#### Columbia PFLAG Meeting

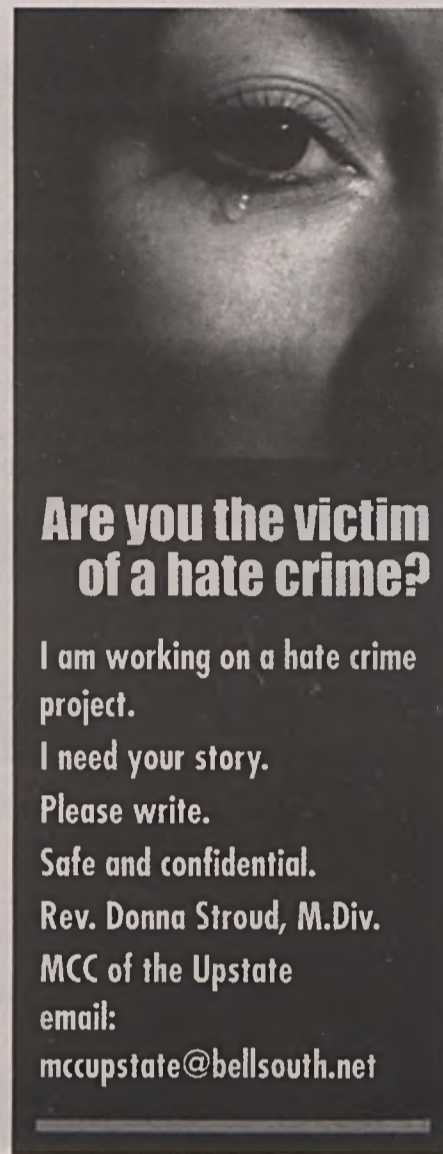
PFLAG Columbia meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church in the Community House, which is located next to the parking lot behind the church. The address is 5220 Clemson Ave. For further information, call Harriet Hancock at 803-781-0515 or visit [www.pflagcolumbiasc.org](http://www.pflagcolumbiasc.org).

#### Myrtle Beach Chapter of PFLAG

For meeting place or further information, call 843-347-1619 or email [breeder@sc.rr.com](mailto:breeder@sc.rr.com).

#### Charleston Chapter of PFLAG

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the We Are Family Office. For further information, call 843-559-2996 or email [champsinschool@aol.com](mailto:champsinschool@aol.com).



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**Sunday Evening** — Choir Rehearsal: 4:45 pm • Worship: 5:00 pm

**Wednesday Evening** — Bible Study: 7:00 pm

#### Directions

From I-85: Exit 63 (Duncan/Moore) toward Duncan.  
Go 2.8 miles. The church is on the left.

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