

About API Family Pride

Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Family Pride is a non-profit organization whose mission is to end the isolation of Asian and Pacific Islander families with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members through support, education, and dialog.

Our vision is the recognition and acceptance among Asian and Pacific Islander families of the sexual and gender diversity within our cultures.

We are committed, both individually and collectively, to create an organization that values:

- The bonds between parent and child,
- The contribution of inter-generational and extended family traditions,
- Diverse racial, ethnic, linguistic, and faith communities,
- Coalitions with API communities and organizations,
- Respect for all contributions and diverse perspectives.

CONTACT US

For general questions and inquiries,

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Asian & Pacific Islander
Family Pride
Presents

4th Annual

Family Presentation Banquet

Sunday, August 26, 2007

Please join us in celebrating and honoring individual API families who proudly support their LGBT children, relatives, friends, in spite of the prejudice they encounter.



"In API Homes, All Children Are Welcome"

Letter to Our Friends

Dear Friends:

I must share this with you. During its February meeting, the API Family Pride Board decided to concentrate our scarce resources on organization building and program development and forego this year's Family Presentation Banquet. When we announced that decision, a cry of disappointment went up. We received telephone calls and emails to please reconsider that decision. The reaction took us by surprise and we reconsidered.

I really should not have been surprised. After each of our previous Banquets, I received comments like ". . . Thanks for cultivating a space for unconditional love to thrive for all of us," and ". . . you have given me the hope, the peace and the love of God," and ". . . I had no idea how moving, joyous, and welcoming this event could be . . ." Something difficult to describe but extraordinarily wonderful happens at our Banquet. Children, parents, family, friends come together in a safe place to share stories of love and courage and self-discovery. And in that collective sharing, we get a glimpse of how it should be, how it can be.

Our Banquet started with the idea to raise the visibility of API LGBT families within and outside the API community and to model a norm of unconditional acceptance and support for LGBT people. It has become so much more. For those few hours and in that safe place our resolve is strengthened and we know that, though the path forward is difficult and long, in the end API families with LGBT children need no longer hide in false shame and feel isolated.

We invite you to join us for our fourth celebration of courage and to hear inspirational stories of love and acceptance and respect.

Belinda Dronkers-Laureta
API-Family Pride, Chair.

The API-FP Family Honor Roll

"Public Recognition of Private Courage"

The API Family Honor Roll is composed of parents, siblings, relatives and friends who have overcome the shame of homophobic society to love and accept API gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people. Behind the name of each honoree is a story of family love and loyalty.

WHO MAY SUBMIT NAMES FOR RECOGNITION—Any LGBT Asian or Pacific Islander, or any organization that has an LGBT Asian or Pacific Islander constituency.

WHO MAY BE RECOGNIZED—Any parent, sibling, relative or friend who loves and accepts their API LGBT child/relative/friend in spite of the shame and isolation imposed by a homophobic society may be recognized. They may be living or deceased and may be of any race or ethnicity.

PROCESS—Submit the following by August 12, 2007 to **API-FP**, P.O. Box 473 Fremont, CA 94537 or email belinda@apifamilypride.org.

1. Name, address, and other contact information of the person who is submitting and his/her relationship to the person(s) submitted for recognition.
2. An approximately 100 word summary statement attesting to the love and acceptance of an API GLBT person by the person(s) to be recognized.
3. A photograph suitable for publication of the person(s) to be recognized; digital photo is preferred.

NOTE: Unless otherwise requested, it is understood that by submission, the names & stories of the honorees will be used in future API-FP printed and internet publications. If there is any question regarding the Honor Roll, please contact us at 510-818-0887 or email us at info@apifamilypride.org

4th Annual Family Presentation Banquet

4:00 – 8:00 PM, Sunday, August 26, 2007

PROGRAM: 4:00 - 4:45 Welcoming of Families
4:45 – 8:00 Entertainment
"Honoring Family" Program
Dinner

LOCATION: Lake Merritt Hotel
1800 Madison St
Oakland, CA 94612

Situated majestically on the shores of Lake Merritt, the Lake Merritt Hotel is situated off Lakeshore Drive at the corner of 17th and Madison Streets.

TICKETS

Tickets can be reserved and purchased on line or via U.S. postal mail. Please send in your RSVP and payment to reserve your seats. All payments are non-refundable after August 14, 2007.

Online — Please go to www.apifamilypride.org

U.S. Postal Mail — Please make check payable to "API Family Pride" and mail to API Family Pride, P.O. Box 473, Fremont, CA 94537

CATEGORY	PRICE PER PERSON
Platinum Sponsor	(8 events tickets & listing) \$1000 +
Gold Sponsor	(6 events tickets & listing) \$750
Silver Sponsor	(4 events tickets & listing) \$500
Adults/Teens 13+ yrs.	\$40
Children 5 – 12 yrs.	\$20
Children < 5 yrs.	Free

Platinum, Gold, & Silver Sponsors: Acknowledgement in event program, website, and souvenir booklet.

We will make all efforts to accommodate special requests & dietary needs.