



Hello Fred,

As we step into May, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber proudly recognizes two essential observances, **Mental Health Awareness Month and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month.**

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community—one rooted in equity, care, and celebration.

As I prepare our May newsletter, I'm filled with a mix of emotions. This marks my final newsletter as Chair of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce as my term is now ending, and what an incredible journey it's been. Serving our vibrant and resilient community over the past three years has truly been an honor and one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

To my fellow Chamber and Foundation board members—thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and partnership. You've been the backbone of our success and progress. I also want to give a big shoutout to our amazing Chamber members. Whether at our monthly mixers, Farm 2 Scholar, Boas and Bow Ties, Drag Queen Bingo, or the many other unforgettable events, each of you brought joy, energy, and purpose to everything we've done together.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to our Executive Director, Fred Palmer, and our incredible staff, Julie Ebe and Lauren Pulido. Your passion, professionalism, and constant support made leading this organization a joy. You kept us grounded and moving forward, and I am so grateful to each of you.

To the broader community—this is not goodbye. While I'm stepping away from the role of Chair, I'm not going far. I look forward to continuing to support the Rainbow Chamber in new and meaningful ways as we welcome fresh leadership and new ideas. The current board members at large will be voting in a new executive committee at our next board meeting.

Thank you again for this incredible

opportunity. I'll see you around!

With pride and gratitude,
Samuel N. Jones, Chair

Pictured : Samuel N. Jones



Rainbow Chamber Foundation Updates

Scholarships are now OPEN!

Links for more information

**Residents & Fellows
Debt Relief Award**

**Rainbow Chamber
Foundation Scholarship**

Palmer Family Healthcare

A promotional graphic for scholarships. At the top, the text "Scholarships Open!" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the dates "April 1st - August 15th" are written in a yellow, cursive font. The background features a rainbow-colored diagonal stripe pattern. At the bottom, five graduates in blue caps and gowns are shown holding up rolled-up diplomas tied with red ribbons. On the left and right sides of the graphic, there are logos for the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber Foundation. The text "Palmer Family Healthcare Scholarship, Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarship, & Residents & Fellows Debt Relief Award" is written in white on a dark background at the bottom.

Big Day of Giving 2025
you helped us raise Over \$35,000!



FROM ALL OF US AT THE SACRAMENTO RAINBOW CHAMBER &
RAINBOW CHAMBER FOUNDATION!

Upcoming Chamber News & Events

ACCEPTING 2026 BENEFICIARY
APPLICATIONS



DRAG QUEEN *Bingo*

*FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
@MANGO'S SACRAMENTO

APPLY TODAY!

[Drag Queen Bingo - June 5th](#)

Join us every first Thursday of the month at Mango's for Drag Queen Bingo with hostess, DoMe Moore. Our

June beneficiary is the NorCal AIDS Cycle.

The fun starts at 7 PM but we always suggest getting there early - seating is first come, first served! \$20 to play all 8 games. Cash only!

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DRAG QUEEN BINGO

June 5, 2025
7:00 - 9:00 PM

**ALL SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. DOORS WILL OPEN @6
@Mango's - 1930 K Street


\$20
CASH DONATION
TO PLAY 8 GAMES

June Beneficiary:


Hosted by: Dame Moore


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COMMUNITY NETWORKING MIXER

Free for all to Attend

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Pre-Pride Kick Off

In partnership with:
SACRAMENTO LGBT

May 20, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

1015 20th St, Sacramento, CA 95811

Hosted Drinks & Appetizers

RainbowChamber.com

May 2025 Networking Mixer

Come share space with us at the next Rainbow Chamber mixer! This event is **FREE** for all community members.

We are proud to be your designated LGBTQ+ "Third Space" in Sacramento!

Hosted by The LGBT Center
on May 20th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Attendees **MUST RSVP in advance.**

Register Here!

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RAINBOW CHAMBER WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT SACRAMENTO PRIDE

This is a great member benefit and opportunity to showcase your business, support our chamber and enjoy the pride festivities!

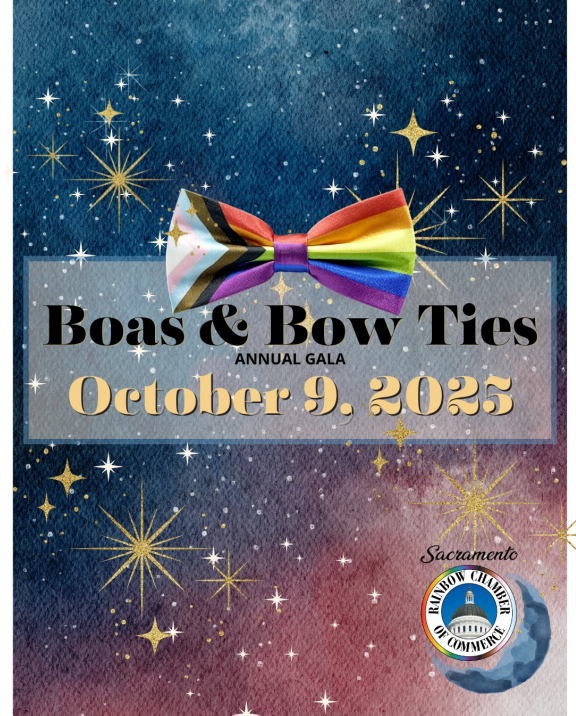
Ticket to festival NOT included

[Learn more & get signed up here!](#)

Save the Date

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of elegance, community, and celebration! The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber's Boas & Bow Ties Gala returns Thursday, October 9, 2025 - mark your calendars now. This is the must-attend event of the year, you won't want to miss it!

Interested in sponsoring?
Contact Fred Palmer [Here](#)



The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Outword Magazine, is proud to launch the #IAm Campaign—a powerful stand for empowerment, resilience, and solidarity with our transgender and gender-expansive (TGX) community.

Across the country, trans lives are under attack—through harmful laws,

restricted healthcare, hate, and exclusion. These injustices hit hardest for Black trans women, trans people of color, disabled individuals, those living with HIV/AIDS, undocumented folks, and those facing poverty.

We cannot stay silent. Silence is complicity.

The #IAm Campaign is our collective response. It's a call to action, a show of love and protection, and a reminder that every "I Am" is an act of resistance and support.

Together, we rise. With care, with courage, and with hope.

More Information on #IAm & Form to
Submit!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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BLACKLINE (FOR QUEER BIPOC COMMUNITY): 1-800-604-5841

CRISIS TEXT LINE: TEXT "HOME" TO 741-741

DEQH HELPLINE (FOR QUEER SOUTH ASIANS): 908-367-3374

LGBT NATIONAL HOTLINE: 888-843-4564

LGBT NATIONAL YOUTH TALKLINE: 800-246-7743

NATIONAL SUICIDE CRISIS LIFELINE: 988 AND TEXT "PRIDE" FOR
LGBTQ+ SERVICES

TRANS LIFELINE: 877-565-8860

THRIVE LIFELINE: TEXT "THRIVE" TO 313-662-8209

TREVORLIFELINE: CALL 1-866-488-7386 OR TEXT "START" TO 678-
678

SAGE'S LGBTQ+ ELDER HOTLINE: CALL 877-360-LGBT (5428)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Wisdom Project = LGBT Elders
Awareness & Empowerment Projects of Servant Hearts

CELEBRATE & HONOR OUR LGBTQ+ ELDERS 2025 ~ 9th ANNUAL Senior PRIDE LGBTQ + Resource Fair ~ May 16th

Live Music...Midtown Jazz

Speakers: Fred Palmer from Outword Magazine
Henry Feuss City of Sacramento Preservationist
Historical Book Display by Sacramento Public Library

11am-12pm ~ EVC Resident Preview

12pm-2pm ~ Open to the Public ~ Valet Service Provided

Eskaton Villages Carmichael

3939 Walnut Ave ~ Carmichael



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FROM AARP



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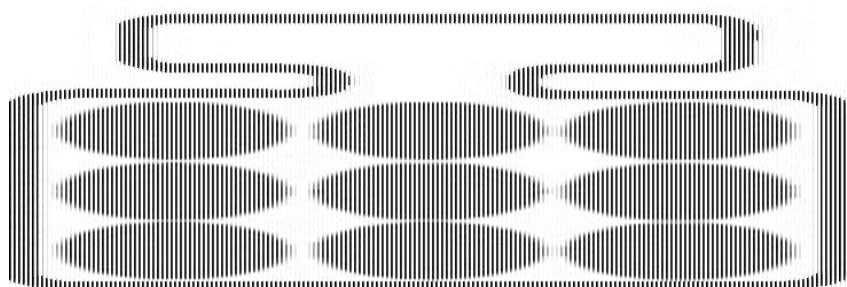
Upcoming Local Pride Events

- **Save the Date for Placer Pride** The 4th in-person Placer Pride will be Saturday, May 17 from 11am - 5pm. Volunteer opportunities for this free event, sponsored by the Placer LGBTQ+ Center and Placer Pride, can be found here: <https://placerlgbtqcenter.org/placer-pride/> .
- **Save the Date for 11th Annual Davis Pride Fest**: Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 3pm! Davis Civic Center Park (6th and B Streets) located behind Davis City Hall. More information found here: <https://davispride.org/>

- Save the Date for the 4th Annual Elk Grove Pride Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Laguna Town Hall



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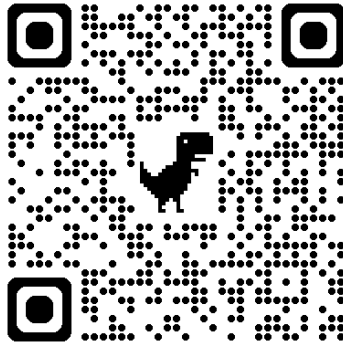


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Pucci's Pharmacy offers HIV/HCV testing and PrEP-AP/ADAP enrollment services. If you would like to start on PrEP or need PEP or DoxyPEP, or if you are living with HIV and need medication financial assistance, you can schedule an appointment by scanning the QR code below. If you do not have insurance, we can enroll you in

programs that may help pay for medication and services (must qualify per state guidelines). We accept most insurance plans.

Learn more by Scanning QR code:



Small Business Certification Workshop

In collaboration with the
Department of General
Services



Thursday, May 22 | 10 a.m. - noon

SMUD Headquarters | Arden Room | 6201 S Street, Sacramento

- Get your small business certification on-the-spot!
- Register in our contracting portal
- Learn how to qualify for our Supplier Education and Economic Development (SEED) program
- Gain valuable information about the benefits of certification
- Network with other local businesses

Participants must bring physical or digital copies of the following to receive certification, either on USB or device.

- Laptop (tablets and cellphones are usually too small for the process)
- Internal Revenue Service letter issuing Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Federal tax returns for the last 3 years or for the period of time your business has been operational if less than 3 years.
- Personal federal tax returns for the last 3 years if your business is a sole proprietorship.
- California Employment Development Department Forms DE-9C records for the 4 most recent quarters
- Licenses (if applicable), such as business license, CSLB, resellers permit, etc.
- Legal entity documents
 - Sole proprietorship/partnership
 - Fictitious business name statement
 - Partnership agreement (if applicable)
- LLC
 - Articles of Organization
 - Statement of Information
 - Operating Agreement
- Corporation
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Statement of Information
 - Corporate Bylaws and Amendments
 - Most recent copy of corporate meeting minutes showing election of officers

(In some cases, additional documentation may be required to complete certification.)



Visit smud.org/Workshops
or scan QR code to register.



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In 2025, Outword committed to its long time digital format, continuing its bi-

monthly issues that cover a diverse range of topics- from local events and arts to in-depth discussions on politics and health.

Outword Magazine remains committed to being a voice for the LGBTQ+ community, adapting to the evolving media landscape while preserving its rich legacy.

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Wishing you a wonderful month of May from all of us here at the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce!

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