

## Calendar of Events for JANUARY 2018

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	ADDRESS
1/5/2018	Friday	TEM Social	7:30-9:30pm	Mings Chinese Restaurant 1414 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno, CA 93728
1/6/2018	Saturday	TEM First support group	5:30-7:30	Common Space 2915 Tulare Street Fresno, California
1/8/2018	Monday	TEM Board Meeting	7:30-9pm	Common Space
1/12/2018	Friday	TEM Second Support group	5:30pm-7:30pm	Holistic Cultural and Education Wellness Center 4867 E Kings Canyon Rd Fresno, California
1/19/2018	Tuesday	TEM and LGBTPLUS Art Night	6:30-9:30pm	Common Space

A Year in Review: The best of 2017

We had so much going on, and so much fun doing it!

We worked with **Common Space** and **MYLGBTPLUS** to put on some great events, like the **Trans Clothing Closet Exchange**, and our free monthly **Art Nights**.

We held **EQUINOX FEST** at **YOBOD Farms** in Hanford, thanks to the incredible generosity of the now defunct **Gay Central Valley**. There the transgender and gender non binary folks had their own waterslide, enjoy some delicious food, watch a comedy show, and relax! **Pride Lion** volunteers did most of the staffing, so EVEN Zoyer and myself could take it easy!

Then in October, it was back to work as **Trans-E-Motion** got to participate in the first of its kind **Trans Policy Institute** in Los Angeles, hosted by the **TransLatin@ Coalition**. Trans community leaders all over California came together to learn about policy and how we can effect change through political action. We learned a great deal and were very proud to be the voice for the Central Valley!

We also came together as a community to remember the one year anniversary of the **PULSE nightclub shooting**, and created a memorial space for **Imer Alveraldo**, who was gunned down while defying the gender binary. We held a two year memorial for Casey Haggard, whose murderers are yet to be caught, despite having video evidence of her murder.

Speaking of Memorials, we once again held the **International Transgender Day of Remembrance** in November. Every year we read the names of those who were murdered or died by suicide in the Transgender and gender nonconforming community. This year was our most visible yet, with **150 people** in attendance at the North Gym on Fresno State. We partnered with the **Cross Cultural Gender Center**, and a great deal of the work would not have been done without **Shawna Irissarri** and **Jude Jackson**, who

did just about everything but cook the catered food themselves! We appreciated everyone's hard work and look forward to the next event on campus!

Finally, our **Holiday Party** saw 50 people in attendance, 20 award certificates handed out. and two of our members becoming engaged! What an amazing way to wrap up the year!

## A Wind of Change

Since 2006, Trans-E-Motion has risen to fight that which would most impact our communities safety and well being. It has been a lonely fight, with even members from the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual communities pushing us down or away. Many board member have come and gone, exhausted by the weight of carrying such a heavy burden. (Continued on page 2) *Continued from page 1*) Then in 2017, we saw a positive shift in cultural attitude that blew in so quickly and unexpectedly, we could hardly believe it! We have been challenged by the rise of anti-transgender attitudes and polices, but it has been tempered by the rise of community organizations, leaders, families and friends who have stepped out of their comfort zones and stood with us. It has breathed life and an earnest hope that finally, even in the Central Valley, true progress can be made for all of us.

## Giving Thanks

*This year we saw astounding growth in our grant acceptance and donor giving. We wanted to remember a few of them with a heart felt THANK YOU!*

**Trans Justice Funding Project Procured by Amanda Watson:**

**\$2,500**

**Gay Central Valley:**

**\$2,000**

**Tony Hilton:**

**\$2,000**

**Equality California:**

**\$1,500**

**Fresno Imperial Dove Court:**

**\$1,500**

*"It seems to be almost a law of physics, that the winds of change awaken fear and fundamentalism."*

*-Elizabeth Lesser*

Do you have questions about your transition journey?

Do you want to know more about how you can volunteer at our events?

Are you Interested in having Trans-E-Motion run a workshop or presentation on Transgender Issues?

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