

March Safe Place E-Newsletter:

The focus for March is Spring Cleaning! I am open to ideas for improving the Safe Place program and providing better resources to students, faculty & staff.

The safe place website is very user friendly and has a wealth of information. To test your knowledge I have created a short 10 question quiz with all answers to be found on the website at:

<http://safeplace.mtu.edu/>

- 1) What are the 8 colors on the Rainbow Flag & what do they mean?
- 2) When & where are KP Meetings?
- 3) What does PFLAG stand for?

#### **About the Safe Place Emblem...**

- 4) The \_\_\_ triangle has become a symbol of gay liberation
- 5) The \_\_\_ triangle also has its origins in Nazi oppression
- 6) The \_\_\_ circle encompassing the triangles is the international symbol of approval or acceptance.
  
- 7) Using terms such as “significant other” or “partner” instead of husband or wife is using what kind of language?
- 8) What is the Mission Statement of the program?
- 9) In a study of college campuses, over \_\_\_ thirds of gay and lesbian college students have reported experiences of harassment and violence while at college (Norris, 1992).
- 10) Support, Admiration, Appreciation & Nurturance are all \_\_\_ levels of attitude in regards to homophobia.

The first submission of correct answers will receive “An Ally’s Promise” by Anthony D’Angelo poster.

In providing new resources, I have been approached multiple times regarding GLBT or Gay-friendly places in the Keweenaw. Gay-friendly refers to places, policies, or people that actively seek to create an environment friendly towards GLBT people. If anyone has any suggestions or stories of local places, I will tally and share via a newsletter and on the website.

Another spring cleaning task is to update the safe place database. Please respond to this email with any updates. (i.e. office location, name etc.)

A reminder, Pride Week is April 6-11. Please be on the lookout for the listing of the week’s events. Thank you again and take time over Spring Break to recharge and refocus for the last 7 weeks of the academic year.

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