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Message from the President

Jan Couchman, President
PFLAG Dayton



Happy Spring

MARCH

8 – PFLAG Dayton Monthly Meeting – View & discuss Josh Stucky's TEDxDayton talk

2016 is proving to be an exciting year for PFLAG Dayton and our LGBT community...

PFLAG Dayton is adding an event to the Pride weekend this year. **Sunday, June 5, 2016, we will be hosting a 5K event called "Running with Pride."** This event will be a 5K walk/run to attract families to be a part of it. The tentative start time for the event will be 9:30 a.m. We will hold early online registration for participants. Tee shirts will be provided to those who register early. Bring Mom and Dad, along with the kids, and enjoy this event which will be open to the community. If you don't want to participate as a runner or walker, please consider serving as a volunteer for the event—we will need lots of volunteers. More information will be available as Pride weekend draws closer. Watch our website at PFLAGDayton.org or our [Facebook](#) page.

We have decided that after 10 years of successful events, **October 1, 2016, will be the last time we will hold our "When the Stars Come Out!" fundraiser.** The 2016 theme will be *'come as your favorite old-time movie star.'* We are inviting anyone who has participated in this event in the past 9 years to consider joining us again for this final event. If you have danced or been a part of the "Dayton's Got Talent" portion of the evening, please be a part of our last **"When the Stars Come Out!"** Anyone interested please email janc1966@aol.com. Dance lessons will begin in early July.

When You No Longer Need PFLAG Dayton, PFLAG Dayton Needs You!



APRIL

- 2 – AIDS Walk Ohio Greater Dayton Bar Crawl
- 8 – WSU Rainbow Alliance 13th Annual Drag Revue
- 12 – PFLAG Dayton Monthly Meeting / Scholarship Banquet to award LGBT Students and Allies with scholarships for their continuing education. **NOTE start time of 6:30 pm** at Harmony Creek Church. Register by April 1!
- 15 – 31st annual City Links Neighborhood Leadership Conference - University of Dayton Fitz Center for Leadership in Community - learn, lead and serve community - register by April 5 - \$20 -
- 15, 16, 17 – Tony Kushner's "Angels in America" at Clark State Community College in Springfield
- 23 – AIDS Walk Ohio Greater Dayton 5K Run/Walk/Bike

Looking Ahead

MAY

- 21 – Springfield PrideFest

JUNE

- 4 – Dayton PRIDE Parade & PrideFest
- 5 – PFLAG Dayton 5K Run/Walk
- 11 – Springfield PRIDE

ABOUT PFLAG DAYTON

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month
Social time -- 7:00 p.m.
Meeting and support -- 7:30 p.m.

Location: Harmony Creek Church 5280 Bigger Rd.,
Kettering (between Whipp & Rahn)

Each meeting offers both a program and a support group. PFLAG maintains a policy of confidentiality. We strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for all who attend.



PASTOR AVERY SLEDGE HONORED

Our own PFLAG Dayton member Pastor Avery Sledge was recently honored by the Iliff School of Theology in Denver with a 2016 Outstanding Contribution to Parish Ministry Award. She received her master of divinity degree with distinction from the school in 2010, with a concentration in social justice and pastoral care. Avery serves as pastor of the United Church of Christ in Springfield, an Open and Affirming Congregation. Avery frequently lectures on a wide range of gender identity and human sexuality issues at colleges, universities, churches,
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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness we learned about the death of Barb Lotney, one of the PFLAG Dayton co- founders. Dayton and the Miami Valley owe a huge debt of gratitude to her for her leadership in the march for equality for members of the LGBT community and their families. **Barb was the epitome of love.** She knew instantly what encouragement each of us needed when we walked into PFLAG meetings. She was the essence of unconditional love. Her influence on our organization went far beyond what she personally did. When she was no longer able to do the work herself, she still attended the meetings and offered love and support to those who attended. **Karlyn and Ken, we cherish her memory and share in your loss of such a remarkable woman.**

**2016 OHIO PFLAG CONFERENCE
 "OUR STORIES MATTER"**

The Akron PFLAG chapter is hosting the **2016 Ohio PFLAG Conference on Saturday, April 16**, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron, 3300 Morewood Rd., Akron (near shopping, public transit route, hotels, and a plethora of other cultural gems). Registration opens at 8 am; programming runs 9am-4pm, with excellent workshops centered on our theme. Participate in a public art project—no art skills required; and, surprises in store.
Register by mail or online at pflagakron.org; cost is only \$35, and includes continental breakfast and lunch. A block of rooms has been reserved for April 15 & 16 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Akron-Fairlawn at a discounted daily rate of \$109 + tax (regular rate is \$119). Hotel is at 3150 W Market St, Akron; Ph: (330) 869-9000; only a block away from the conference site. See pflagakron.org for updates.

professional organizations and support groups. She has served as a member of the Transgender Military Advisory Committee of the Palm Center (Denver), which commissioned studies addressing issues related to transgender persons serving in the military. She actively seeks equality for all persons addressing issues of discrimination based on race, economic circumstance, gender identity and sexual orientation. She credits her Iliff experience with broadening her horizons to incorporate the intersection of theology, history, and social issues.

PFLAG Dayton Support Chair Pat Davis just had a timely and relevant essay published in the Antioch University Midwest "Voice" student newspaper. Following is an excerpt.

Editor's note: Please read the entire piece via the link below, as Pat suggests both valid and reasonable theories for the paradox manifested as lesser treatment of the LGBTQ community vs. others, as well as remedies to address it.

<https://theantiochvoice.wordpress.com/2016/02/18/what-is-really-going-on-in-the-minds-and-hearts-of-anti-gay-business-owners/>

What Is REALLY Going On In The Minds and Hearts of Anti-Gay Business Owners

As the mother of a gay son, I'd like to know. I really would.

I'd like to understand why people who claim to love the Lord, or to believe in God, think that it is their responsibility to judge other people—thoroughly and harshly. Having judged, they then treat those they condemn with disrespect and derision. They seem to believe this is what God wants them to do. I wonder why they believe in such a God.

Certain religious individuals who have opened businesses to the public now want to subdivide that public into two categories: those they will serve, and those they will not. It appears that the only people they will not serve are gay people. They are basing their criteria on *sin*. They say homosexuality is a sin, and they will not serve people they believe are sinners in their place of business.

I'd like to understand why they are picking on gay people. Those who believe that homosexuality is sinful are surely aware there are other behaviors they would deem to be sinful. How about heterosexual couples who enter their establishment? Are the owners questioning them about their bedroom practices? Many heterosexual couples practice so-called sodomy. Some married couples swing (consensual adultery), or cheat behind their spouses back. What about pedophiles? You cannot tell by looking at a person that he is molesting children. If one of these monsters comes into your store with a ring on his finger and an acceptable female spouse at his side, you don't have a problem waiting on him? I wonder why not.

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Since the 2016 Oscar Awards just concluded, you may be interested to know that, according to the Huffington Post, 10 Openly Gay People Won Oscars Before Sam Smith...and, as they say, *the envelopes please...*

- **John Gielgud**, Best Supporting Actor for “Arthur”-1982
- **Howard Ashman**, Lyricist for Best Original Song “Under the Sea” from “The Little Mermaid” - 1990; and “Beauty and the Beast” – 1992
- **Stephen Sondheim**, Best Original Song for “Sooner or Later” performed by Madonna in “Dick Tracy” – 1991
- **Elton John**, Best Original Song “Can You Feel the Love Tonight?” from “The Lion King” – 1995
- **Bill Condon**, Best Original Screenplay for “Gods & Monsters” - 1999

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- **Alan Ball**, Best Original Screenplay for “American Beauty” – 2000
- **John Corigliano**, Best Original Score for “The Red Violin” – 2000
- **Pedro Almodóvar**, Best Foreign Language Film for “All About My Mother” – 2000; and Best Original Screenplay for “Talk to Her” – 2003
- **Dustin Lance Black**, Best Original Screenplay for “Milk” – 2009
- **Melissa Etheridge**, Best Original Song for “I Need to Wake Up” from “An Inconvenient Truth”

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