Parents, Families, Friends and Allies of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender People
Dayton, Ohio

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 Road, Kettering
(between Whipp and 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.

Calendar

July

4 Happy Independence Day!

9 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Lisa Smith, Premier Health Diversity Director

August

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ARE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTHS
(See Paragraphs from the Prez for a new way to renew)

13 Annual PFLAG Picnic. 6:30 p.m. on the Harmony Creek lawn. See Paragraphs from the Prez and page 2 for details. Support will be offered as always if desired.

September

10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Gay Games. See Paragraphs from the Prez.

14 LGBT Fall Community Dinner. 5:30, social time; 6:30, dinner. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Ave. Lasagna provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Paragraphs from the Prez...

Seems like only yesterday I was wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and then I look at the calendar today and half of the year has already gone. The snow has melted giving way to a lavish field of green with the scent of your favorite hot dog or hamburger coming from the grill. Speaking of which - let me send out an invitation to each and everyone one of you to attend our annual PFLAG Picnic on August 13. We will again provide City BBQ entrees, and our fellow members will provide various side dishes (and may I say some of our members really know how to cook). Great food, fun, fellowship, greet old friends, and meet new ones. What more could one ask for!

Also in August we will begin our membership renewal drive with a letter that will arrive in the mail. Your continued support is what makes it possible for us to do the many things we do. For your convenience and for the first time, this year you will be able to make your payment via a credit card. Go to the PFLAG Dayton website, www.pflagdayton.org, click on membership and follow the directions to renew or become a new member.

Another important date is September 10 when our meeting program will be a presentation by a representative of the Gay Games that will take place in the Cleveland/Akron, Ohio area in August of 2014. Yes, you did hear me right. After San Francisco, Vancouver, New York, Amsterdam, Sydney, Chicago, and Cologne, the next Gay Games will take place in northern Ohio. Athletes and participants from all over the world will converge here to compete for the coveted trophies. Unlike the Olympics, athletes of all skill levels are welcome. This includes both LGBT and straight ally athletes so you might consider participating. Come to our September meeting and learn how. The Games organizers are also looking for volunteers so you can learn how to offer your time as well.

Be sure to check our web site to keep up with the latest events happening in our organization and try to attend at many as you can. I am sure you will have a great time. Everyone be safe; enjoy yourselves and have a great summer.

Fred Moore, President
PFLAG Dayton

DOMA Gone! Prop 8 Gone! Hurray! Thanks, Supreme Court
Upcoming PFLAG Meetings

July

The July meeting will be on the 9th. The program will be presented by Lisa Smith, Diversity Director for Premier Health. She will address Miami Valley Hospital’s policy on their treatment of the same-sex partners of patients. During Q&A she can respond to other issues of health care related to LGBT patients and LGBT medical employees.

This program has been rescheduled from March when it regrettably had to be cancelled at the last minute. If you were looking forward to hearing Lisa in March, please plan to come to the July meeting.

August

Annual PFLAG PICNIC

Tuesday, August 13th - 6:30 p.m.
Harmony Creek Church Lawn
5280 Bigger Road, Kettering

Rain or Shine
Inside if too wet or hot

City Barbeque provided plus table service and drinks

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share

Please join us!

Honoring 2013 Scholarship Winners

PFLAG LGBT Scholarship ($2000)
Anne Marie Finrock

Anne Marie is graduating from Piqua High School and will be attending Wright State University and majoring in Biomedical Engineering. She is the valedictorian of her class with a 5.0 GPA which is the highest on record at Piqua High School. When she fell in love with her best friend she realized she needed to come out. She is involved in many leadership positions and feels that she has helped create a more accepting community at Piqua High School. A very proud moment for her was when she and her partner were nominated the “cutest couple” for the high school yearbook.

Two Jim Wilger Memorial Straight Ally Scholarships ($2000 each)
Allison Cleaver and Robin Lynn Hughes

Allison is a student at the University of Dayton majoring in special education. At UD she is a member of the Marianist Leadership Scholars which requires service to the community and examines social justice topics. Last fall she trained to be an ally in the LGBT community. When her uncle came out gay she saw the love and acceptance her family gave him and wants to do the same for the gay community at UD.

Robin is pursuing a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She will be taking her prerequisites at Sinclair Community College then transfer to a four year school. Each year she participates in PFLAG’s fundraiser “When the Stars Come Out” in honor of her gay sisters-in-law. It is very important to her that her children respect others in the world despite race, gender or sexual orientation.

Two Greater Dayton LGBT Center Scholarships ($1000 each)
Bradley Alexander and Jennette Caden

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Honoring 2013 Scholarship Winners (continued)

Brad is graduating from Fairmont High School and will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall. Brad has been an active member of the Boy Scouts, and although he completed all the requirements for Eagle Rank, he decided to decline the honor because of the Boy Scouts’ position on homosexuality. He hopes that his principled stance on this issue will help send the message to the Boy Scouts organization to be accepting and inclusive of everyone.

Jennette is attending Wright State University and will graduate next Spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She was an award winner last year and continues to be active with Equality of Ohio as chair of the (c4) board and at Wright State University on their Transgender Policy Committee.

New PFLAG Dayton Board Member

Gene Evans, who has served as the outstanding PFLAG Dayton Support Chair for several years has recently decided to step aside because of retirement opportunities for travel. When you see Gene, please thank him for his years of dedication as Support Chair.

Gene recruited an able successor, PFLAG mom Pat Davis. Pat was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, and migrated to Ohio in 1981. She is married to a patient man, Scott Davis, and they will celebrate 23 years of wedded near-bliss in September. Pat is the proud mom of two beautiful and amazing children, Sara and Tyler, and grandmother to baby Ella.

As a hobby, Pat seems to collect college degrees. She has earned Associate Degrees in Nursing and Mental Health Technology, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Wellness from Antioch University Midwest (AUM). She is currently a graduate student at AUM pursuing an Individualized Master of Arts degree in Healthy Family Dynamics, with an emphasis on working with LGBT families.

Pat has been teaching time management, grief work, stress management and health and wellness workshops since 1996. She also taught parenting classes at a Dayton social service agency. As the mother of a gay son, Pat is committed to helping the world become a safe and welcoming place for all children. Receiving support from PFLAG was integral to Pat’s journey as a PFLAG Mom, and being asked to serve on the PFLAG Board as Support Chair is a privilege and honor she is thrilled to accept. Join us in welcoming Pat to the PFLAG Board.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑ Peace Corps Accepts Gay Couples

The U.S. Peace Corps will now accept joint assignment applications from same-sex couples. The couples will be placed only in countries where homosexuality is not criminalized. "The Peace Corps will foster safe and productive assignments for same-sex couples and provide guidance for maintaining their safety and well-being," said Shira Kramer, Peace Corps press director.

↓ Marriage Bans Affect Mental Health

States that enacted bans on marriage for same-sex couples saw dramatic increases in psychiatric disorders among their lesbian, gay and bisexual populations, according to large-scale health studies. Included are mood disorders, alcohol-use disorders and generalized anxiety disorders.

↑ Majority of Senators Co-Sponsor ENDA

There are now 52 Senate co-sponsors for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban employment discrimination nationwide based on LGBT status. The 60-vote threshold (filibuster) to bring about a vote remains.
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through:

- ADVOCACY: to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.
- EDUCATION: to enlighten an ill-informed public.
- SUPPORT: to cope with an adverse society.

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PFLAG Dayton 2013
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Address ____________________________
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Phone _____________________________
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Dayton, OH 45401-3721

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Membership Levels
- Individual $30
- Household $40
- Student/ Special Circumstances $15

Leadership Support (Includes Membership)
- Bronze $100
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- Gold $500
- Lifetime $1000
- Over The Rainbow $1000+