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

November
12 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social Time; 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Kevin Mabry from Dayton GLSEN. More on page 2.

23 LGBT Center Thanksgiving Dinner. 5:30 Social Time; 6:30 Dinner. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Ave., Dayton. Turkey, ham, stuffing, beverages and table service provided. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

28 Happy Thanksgiving

December
7 Celebrate! Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus Holiday Concert. 6:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson Street, Dayton. Tickets available from any chorus member or Showtixforu.com.

10 PFLAG Dayton Holiday Party. 7:00 in our usual meeting room. See the article on page 2 for more information.

A Message from your President

We had another successful “When the Stars Come Out!” My thanks go out to everyone who helped with this year’s event -- dancers, judges, ticket & vote sellers, sponsors, plus Gale Stephenson, John Gantt, and John Wion who entertained in the “Dayton’s Got Talent” portion of the evening. And a great big special thank you to the attendees who came to enjoy an evening of fun and to support the PFLAG Dayton Scholarship program.

This was the first time we have had a theme for our event. We went with the Great Gatsby theme. Even audience members got into the act by dressing in styles from the Gatsby era.

Each year we have new dance couples join our seasoned couples, and this year was no exception. As most of you know, winners are determined by which dance team gets the most votes which translates into who brings in the most money.

In 2011 we began awarding a trophy for the best dance performance in Chris Roseberry’s name. Chris was a young man who performed in the first “Stars” and died too soon in a tragic accident. This award is decided by the judges. The winner of the Best Dance Performance trophy 2013 was Allison Cleaver and Brad Stephenson. I believe when Allison did a summersault on stage in 6 inch high heels and her flapper dress, she clinched the award for her and Brad. Allison and Brad also won the third place trophies.

Second place was won by Monica Renner and Jim Weber. Monica and Jim not only prepared their choreography and music for 2013, they are already planning for their dance in 2014!

First place was won by and David Broering and Michael Curtner, long time participants in “Stars.”

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

November

Presenting the program for the November 12th PFLAG meeting will be Kevin Mabry from Dayton GLSEN which stands for Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network. GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

PFLAG Dayton has a positive relationship with our local GLSEN. The PFLAG Safe Schools program trains adult staff while GLSEN works with youth in schools, including Gay Straight Alliances. Join us on the 12th to learn more.

December – It’s Party Time!

PFLAG Dayton will hold its annual holiday party on Tuesday evening, the 10th. It is our regular meeting night, but be aware of the earlier start time – 7:00. We will enjoy pleasant conversation, delicious holiday food and delightful entertainment by Brandon Booher and Gaston Herndon. We ask that you bring your favorite party food to share. Support will be available as always.

But as we are having fun, we acknowledge that there are people who are hurting during the holiday season. We invite you to bring to the November or December PFLAG meetings supplies that will go to either the Artemis Domestic Violence Center or the Harmony Creek Food Pantry.

Items that would be welcome to clients of both agencies include:
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Toilet paper (a brand you would use yourself)

Women and children from Artemis Center could also use:
- Feminine hygiene products
- Skin lotion
- Diaper rash cream
- Baby wipes

Save this list to take with you when you shop. Many of these items are available at discount or “dollar” stores. And thank you very much for your generosity.

Dayton PFLAG Membership

You can still renew your PFLAG membership for 2013-14 or become a new member. You have three options.

- Mail your membership using the form on page 4 of this newsletter
- Join at a PFLAG Dayton meeting
- Choose the credit card option on the membership page of our website

Thank You!

New PFLAG Dayton Board Members.

The PFLAG fiscal year runs from October through September so our board members begin their year the first of October. Meet these individuals who are either new to the board or to their positions.

Jan Couchman, President

In 1992 Jan attended a meeting where the founding members of Dayton PFLAG presented a program. She attended the next PFLAG meeting to thank them and has been a part of PFLAG Dayton ever since.

Jan tells her PFLAG story, “I had never been anywhere (continued on page 3)
that I felt such love and acceptance. The PFLAG group became a family to me, my chosen family. I believe it is very important to give back to your community, and my community happens to be the LGBT community.”

Jan has served on the PFLAG board as Support Chair, Scholarship Chair, and President. In 2007, she initiated our fundraiser “When the Stars Come Out!” and she still organizes “Stars” each year. Jan is proud to again serve as President of the PFLAG Dayton chapter.

**Tom Humbert, Programs**

Tom was born in Celina, Ohio, raised in Tipp City and currently resides in Oakwood with his partner of seven years and 2 dogs and 1 cat. He works for Kettering Hospital in the Trauma Office.

Tom is a runner, having completed three 5k races since July. One item on his bucket list is to complete a half marathon next year. He also enjoys reading, listening to music and dancing around the house. Tom’s perfect evening is spent with friends, laughing and playing cards.

“As I get older I realize I wanted to do something that would help my friends, family, community and myself. I think by joining PFLAG, it will open many doors for me to be able to do that.” Tom said. “Having friends that are strong supporters of PFLAG opened my eyes to how important PFLAG is and I feel honored to have been asked to be a member of the board.”

**Mary Kirkendall, Hospitality Co-Chair**

Mary Kirkendall has been actively involved with Dayton PFLAG for many years and is a proud PFLAG mom. She is married to Kevin and is the mother of four children. Mary is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker, and happily serves the LGBT community’s real estate needs. Her background is marketing, and her degree is in Advertising Design from The Columbus College of Art & Design.

An active member of Harmony Creek Church, Mary serves as Moderator of the church council this year, works with the church food pantry, and next year will head the Justice & Witness Ministry Team.

Mary comments on Hospitality, “Co-chairing hospitality will be enjoyable -- every meeting will be like a party! Come hungry. With everyone working longer hours, meeting attendees can know they will be in for a real treat each time they come to a PFLAG meeting.”

**Chuck Campbell, Hospitality Co-Chair**

Chuck was born and raised in Trenton, Ohio, and currently resides in Oakwood with his spouse of 18 years, Chad McCoy, and their dog Starbuck. Chuck is employed as a software tester for MetLife Auto & Home and has been employed with them for 14 years.

Chuck enjoys reading, television and movies, traveling, cooking, and hanging out with family and friends. He joins his partner on the Dayton PFLAG board, and they attended the 2013 National PFLAG Convention in D.C. this October, making a pit stop in Maryland to get married. Newlyweds Chuck and Chad were recognized with a champagne toast at the convention banquet.

**↑ Ups & Downs in the News ↓**

The last newsletter had no “downs.” This newsletter has only “downs,” not because there haven’t been “ups” in the last two months, but to remind us there are still negative events, people who don’t understand, and more work for us to do, especially on gender identity and expression.

**↓ Trans Homecoming Queen Cyber-Bullied**

In September, Cassidy Campbell, 16, became the first transgender homecoming queen in California. Despite support from her classmates and others, she has been the victim of a lot of cruel abuse from cyber bullies.

**↓ Student Protection Law Opposed**

The California GOP is trying to repeal the state’s new transgender student protection law, the School Success and Opportunity Act. GOP state legislators voted to only endorse candidates who have pledged to oppose the law.

**↓ Christie: Gay Child Makes No Difference**

Governor Chris Christie (NJ) says that even if one of his children were gay, he would still oppose equal marriage.
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- 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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Address ___________________________
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Dayton, OH 45401-3721

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