



Parents, Families, Friends and Allies of Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People
Dayton, Ohio

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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 & 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.

*A Message from your
President*

I would like to thank all who supported our 9th annual *"When the Stars Come Out!"* To our sponsors, advertisers, those who attended the event, those who worked behind the scenes, and certainly the dancers and entertainment—we couldn't have done it without you. Proceeds from the event will help support our educational programs such as Rainbow Reading, our youth group Youth First Greater Dayton, Safe Schools, and diversity fairs.

I want to take a moment and talk about another program PFLAG Dayton supports. We hold our regular meetings and board meetings at Harmony Creek Church and throughout the year we ask those who attend our meetings to consider donating items for the Church's food pantry. The food pantry is in desperate need of toiletry items. Please consider bringing to our holiday party (list of needed items shown below). This is the time of the year for giving to those who are less fortunate.

Help us help Harmony Creek Church.

PFLAG Dayton will hold our holiday party on December 8 at **6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at Harmony Creek Church. Please bring a dish to share. Note the earlier time than our regular meetings.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season. Look forward to seeing you in 2016!

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

Jan Couchman,
President
PFLAG Dayton



Calendar

November

10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. Social time:
7:00 pm; Meeting and Support: 7:30 pm.
Program: Support

17 Gatlyn Dame Group 7:00 pm. Miami Valley
Fair Housing Center, 505 Riverside Drive,
Dayton

20 Transgender Day of Remembrance 7:00 pm
Courthouse Square

26  **Happy Thanksgiving!**

December

5 Dayton Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert
"Home is where the story begins" 6:00 pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church, First & Wilkinson
Sts. www.daytondaymenschorus.org

8 Annual PFLAG Dayton Holiday Party
*Note start time of 6:30 pm @ Harmony
Creek Church*

6-14  **Hanukkah**

25  **Christmas**

PFLAG News & Upcoming Events

New Board Members

Please help us welcome two new board members:

Michelle Meitzner is our new Hospitality co-chair. Michelle is a native Ohioan who is a mother of four and served in active duty in the U.S. Air Force. Michelle is an “out and proud Lesbian.” She has been an active community leader of Girl Scout troops, Cub Scouts, American Red Cross Volunteer, Key Spouse, and member of Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Church. She enjoys all things chocolate and collects old cookbooks. Michelle says that she “believe(s) PFLAG is a very important organization serving as a valuable information bank and liaison to the public assisting all members of the LGBTQ family, and [is] delighted to be a part of it.”

Eric Henderson was born and raised in Winchester, Ohio and has resided in Dayton since 1997. He lives in Miami Township and works at Sinclair Community College as a counselor. Eric enjoys TV, reading, working out, traveling, and hanging out with family and friends. He has been volunteering with Youth First for several years now and enjoys helping the youth. Eric will be co-chair, along with Robert Burns, on the board with Youth First.

Help for Harmony Creek Church Pantry

As one way to show our gratitude to Harmony Creek Church for all the ways it supports the work of PFLAG, our members donate personal items for the church pantry. Food pantry suppliers provide only foodstuffs, so the ***much needed non-food items*** must come from other sources.

We accept these items at PFLAG meetings year round, but we want to emphasize this giving opportunity during the holiday months of November and December. So bring whatever you are able when you come to PFLAG. Needed items include the following (please give brands you would use yourself):

- ***shampoo/conditioner***
- ***toothbrushes / toothpaste***
- ***paper towels / toilet paper***
- ***lotion***
- ***bar soap***
- ***baby wipes***

Dayton PFLAG Membership

Renew your PFLAG membership for 2015-16 or become a new member.

Membership in PFLAG Dayton enables:

- Speakers**
- Scholarships**
- Printed Materials**
- Meeting Hospitality**
- Sponsorship of Youth First**
- Chapter Leadership Training**
- Safe Schools/Rainbow Reading**

You have three options for renewing or joining:

- 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!



HOLIDAY PARTY TIME!

Tuesday, December 8th 6:30 p.m.
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Harmony Creek Church
5280 Bigger Road
Kettering

Bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share.

Delicious food
Pleasant conversation
Delightful entertainment

Support available as always

Bring donations for Food Pantry!

Topside Press Seeking Short Speculative Fiction by Transgender Writers

Topside Press is accepting submissions for an anthology of short speculative fiction by self-identified transgender writers. Speculative fiction can include science fiction, horror, fantasy, alternate history or any fiction which envisions a world that is fundamentally different from our own. The goal for this anthology is to showcase the talent of a diverse range of authors and catalyze the next wave of meaningful, moving, and politically engaged speculative fiction.

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Length: up to 10,000 words

Anticipated publication date: Fall 2016

Paid: Yes (rates to be determined)

Contact email: specific@topsidepress.com

Submit work to:

<https://topsidepress.submittable.com/>

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑Reform Judaism Continues Tradition of Inclusion

Largest movement of Judaism in the U.S. passed its most far-reaching resolution in support of transgender rights of any major religious organization on November 5th. Members of the Union for Reform Judaism attending its biennial meeting in Orlando approved on a voice vote the resolution, which calls for several actions, including advocating on behalf of the transgender community.

↓Church excludes children from membership

Effective November 5th, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints enforces new policy excluding children of same-sex married or unmarried couples from baptism or membership until age 18. At age 18, children must meet conditions to be considered for membership.

↑Encouraging News re: Veterans

Congress introduces bicameral bill to grant gay and lesbian troops honorable discharge status. On November 5th, Congressmen Pocan (D-WI) and Rangel (D-NY) and Sen. Schatz (D-HI) introduced in the House and Senate, respectively, The Restore Honor to Service Members Act.

↓Zambia Sentences Transgender Woman

Zambia sentenced a Transgender woman sentenced a 27-year-old woman to 15 years in prison when found guilty of sodomy by judge. The conviction can be appealed. A U.S. State Department spokesperson said if the conviction is true, it would be deeply concerning to the U.S. Zambia is among the more than 70 countries around the world in which consensual same-sex sexual acts are criminalized.



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Our Vision.

PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT:

By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- **SUPPORT:** for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ
- **Education** for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ
- **Advocacy** in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ



**PFLAG Dayton 2016
Membership Application**



Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

Membership Levels

- Individual \$30
- Household \$40
- Student/ Special Circumstances \$15

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(Includes Membership)**

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- Gold \$500
- Lifetime \$1000
- Over The Rainbow \$1000+

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