



Parents, Families, Friends and Allies of Lesbian,
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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 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

January

13 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. Social time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: R. J. McKay with an update on marriage.

24 PFLAG Dayton Annual Board Planning Meeting. 9-1, Harmony Creek Church. If you have ideas or comments to be considered, please contact a board member.

February

10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. Social time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: a film and discussion.

Looking Ahead

April

18 Ohio State PFLAG Conference. Hosted by PFLAG Dayton. All-day meeting of interesting speakers and useful workshops. Open to all PFLAG members.

October

16-18 National PFLAG Conference. Airport Marriott, Nashville, TN. Reasonable rates, free parking and Wi-Fi. Speakers, workshops, and valuable networking with PFLAG members from around the country. Watch for additional information including early bird deals.

A Message from your President

We at **PFLAG Dayton** want to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year, and we are looking forward to a fabulous 2015. The board will be holding our annual planning meeting on January 24th. If you have suggestions, please pass them on to a board member.

The board of PFLAG Dayton is excited to be hosting the 2015 Ohio State PFLAG Conference on April 18, 2015, at the Wingate by Wyndham in Fairborn. PFLAG members from all over the state will grace our fair city to attend the conference.

Our theme is **“Youth First, Youth Now!”** All workshops and presentations will be based on the youth of the LGBT community. We are fortunate to have individuals who specialize in working with our LGBT youth as speakers. They include:

- Greta McKenzie who heads the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program
- Nick Ziza, a local psychotherapist and counselor
- Elaine Fultz, well known in the Miami Valley Area for her work not only with LGBT youth, but all youth
- Lana Moore, transgender person and member of the National board of GLAAD
- Matt Moyer, local teacher and Brooke Senter from PFLAG National

If you are currently working with the youth of our community, this conference will provide a valuable addition to your resources. If you are thinking of volunteering with an organization that works with youth, this will give you an insight into what is needed. If you are interested in learning about the issues facing today's LGBT youth, you will be well-informed.

The conference is open to PFLAG members only, and there is a nominal fee to attend. If you are interested in attending but are not a member, you may join any time before the conference.

Watch for up-to-date information on the Ohio State PFLAG Conference on our Facebook page. We hope you will join us for an informative and interesting day.

*When you no longer need Dayton
PFLAG, Dayton PFLAG needs you!*

Jan Couchman,
President
PFLAG Dayton



Upcoming PFLAG Events

New PFLAG Dayton Treasurer

January Meeting

It is hard to keep up with the rapid advance of marriage equality throughout the country. We are now up to 36 states plus the District of Columbia. Marriage bans have been struck down by courts in four additional states, but marriages in those states are on hold pending appeal. That leaves just 10 states where same-gender marriage is banned outright. Sadly, Ohio is one of those states.

R. J. McKay spoke on Marriage Equality at our April PFLAG meeting. Because the status of marriage is in such constant flux, R.J. will return to the January PFLAG meeting to present an update, especially on what is next for Ohio. Do we await a Supreme Court decision to define marriage for the whole country or do we move ahead with a ballot measure to overturn our state’s Constitutional Amendment banning same –gender marriage?

The January meeting will take place on Tuesday, the 13th, at 7:30. Please plan to attend.

February Meeting

The specific program for the February meeting on the 10th has not been finalized yet, but it will be an LGBT-related film followed by discussion. We have not shown a movie for our program in quite a while, and there are many excellent choices available. Nearer to the meeting date, watch for an email with specific information. Another reason to schedule a film for February is the possibility of a weather-related cancellation. That has happened to previous February meetings. If it should happen again in 2015, we won’t need to cancel and reschedule a visiting speaker.



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Good-bye to Judy

Judy Dryer has served as the PFLAG Dayton treasurer for the last nine years, starting in October of 2005. She was a fairly new member at that time, but she agreed to tackle the treasurer’s job following the mid-term resignation of the previous treasurer. Judy even stayed on in her Dayton board position following her and husband Joe’s move from Dayton to Columbus.

In the last few years Judy and Joe have traveled frequently to Portland, Oregon where their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson (she calls him “The Boy”) live. Last month they finalized their permanent move to Portland.

We are very grateful to Judy for her long and hard work for PFLAG Dayton, and we wish her and Joe every happiness in their new home. Maybe she will even find time to check out a Portland PFLAG. They would be very lucky to have her.

Welcome to Ken

We are very fortunate to have elected a qualified new treasurer, Ken Willis. Ken has been a member of Dayton PFLAG for many years, and at one time he served as Scholarship Chair.

Ken is well-equipped for the treasurer’s job based on his education and professional experience. His personal interests include being a movie fan and an excellent cook.

Ken found his way to PFLAG through several good friends, including Jan Couchman, the current Dayton president. When he first started attending, the people he met assisted him with some issues he had. After he was helped, he was able to assist others struggling with very similar issues.

“It was an incredible experience and one I will never forget,” stated Ken. “PFLAG is a wonderful organization, and I am proud to be part of it as the new treasurer.”

IT’S ALMOST SCHOLARSHIP TIME

PFLAG Dayton awards at least two \$2000 scholarships annually each June. There are scholarships available for both LGBT and straight ally students.

PFLAG DAYTON SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS WILL APPEAR SOON AT WWW.PFLAGDAYTON.ORG.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

As you know, LGBT stories are in the news more and more frequently. While there are still tales of prejudice, homophobia, cruelty and injustice, more and more of the news items are positive, including advancements in equality for LGBT individuals, couples and families. As we say goodbye to 2014 and look forward to 2015, here is a full page of **Ups & Downs in the News**. It is encouraging to note that **Ups** far outnumber **Downs**.

↑Trans Army Vets Allowed to Change Names

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey recently announced that the U.S. Army will allow two trans veterans — a former Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army and a former National Guardsman — to update the names on their discharge papers to reflect their current legal names, granting them access to their earned veteran's benefits at home and at work.

↑Gay Major League Baseball Umpire

Dale Scott discussed his sexual orientation in an article for *Referee Magazine*, where he allowed a photo with his husband to be published. Scott is the first openly gay male official active in any major American sports league.

↓Push to Pass ENDA Dies in House

A House of Representatives panel, on Dec 3rd, defeated an attempt to pass a version of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act as an amendment to the 2015 defense spending bill. The measure was rejected 7-3 in a party-line vote without debate, despite a last-minute push by six pro-LGBT GOP members to bring ENDA to the floor.

↑Pope Calls for Support of LGBT Families

Pope Francis has called on the Catholic Church to provide support for parents with LGBT children. "We come across this reality all the time in the confessional..... We have to find a way to help that father or that mother to stand by their son or daughter."

↑IOC Adds Protections to Charter

The International Olympic Committee recently added sexual orientation protection language to its Olympic Charter, adopting the change after a unanimous vote by its members.

↓House GOP Want to Reverse LGBT Protections

Republican Reps. John Kline of Minnesota and Tim Walberg of Michigan have sent a letter to the Department of Labor asking it to withdraw a rule aimed at protecting LGBT employees of federal contractors from discrimination.

↑Same-Gender Weddings Begin in Scotland



Photo by Same Love Photography

Same-sex couples in Scotland began marrying on Dec. 16th. Ironically, a Melbourne, Australia couple, who married in their city's UK consulate at the exact minute the law went into effect, became the first same-sex couple in the world to be legally married under Scottish law.

↑Gays to March On St. Patrick's Day in Boston

The leader of a Boston group of gay U.S. military veterans announced that his organization had reached a deal to march in the city's St. Patrick's Day parade, which has long banned openly gay groups.

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 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

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