



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

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CELEBRATE MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN ALL 50 STATES PLUS TERRITORIES. THANKS SCOTUS

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

14 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: Short films and discussion

August

8 Support Group Facilitator Training. For PFLAG Dayton members and Youth First advisors. Presenters: Pat Davis, PFLAG Support Chair, and Nick Ziza, Psychotherapist. See page 3 for how to register.

11 Annual PFLAG Picnic. 6:30 at Harmony Creek Church. See page 2 for details. Support will be available as always.

October

16-18 National PFLAG Convention. Airport Marriott, Nashville, TN. It is not too late to register. Go to www.pflag.org for information on the convention & registration instructions

A Message from your President

Written June 26th: This date will forever go down in history. I, along with everyone else, waited -- sometimes hesitantly optimistic, sometimes hopefully optimistic -- for the Supreme Court to rule in favor of the LGBT community. This morning the Supreme Court announced the decision, 5 to 4, that every state must allow same-gender marriages and must recognize such marriages performed elsewhere.

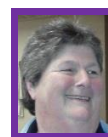
The celebrations started the moment the ruling was announced. Marriage licenses started to be issued all over the United States. Our Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley began marrying same-gender couples and announced that for the entire week she would perform weddings free for couples, LGBT and straight.

In his remarks, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy stated "No longer may this liberty be denied," He wrote for the majority in the historic decision. "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were." Marriage is a "keystone of our social order," Justice Kennedy said, adding that the plaintiffs in the case were seeking "equal dignity in the eyes of the law."

His summation was the words the LGBT community had been waiting to hear for validation. We are no longer second class citizens; we are no longer less than.

Celebrate because this was a long, hard-fought victory. But in your celebration, realize we are at the beginning of this journey. We still have much work to do. We still need to work to pass the federal Employment Non-discrimination Act (ENDA). In Ohio we need employment, housing and public accommodation protections. Just because same-gender marriage is legal, it doesn't mean everyone is going to accept the law of the land. Enjoy this moment, then get back to work!

Jan Couchman,
President
PFLAG Dayton



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

Upcoming PFLAG Events

July Meeting

The July PFLAG Dayton monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, the 14th, at Harmony Creek Church.

Last February our program was two short films – one a humorous, but thoughtful spoof and one a Ted talk on one woman’s coming out experience. Both were enjoyable and sparked a lively discussion among PFLAG Dayton attendees.

With the success of that evening in mind, we are doing another film/discussion program. Join us for interesting viewing followed by insightful conversation prompted by what we have just seen. We look forward to another entertaining and stimulating evening.



August Picnic

Tuesday, August 11 6:30 p.m.

Harmony Creek Church (rain or shine)

City BBQ, drinks & tableware provided

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share

Support offered as usual

See you there!

Scholarship Banquet A Success

PFLAG Dayton’s Scholarship Program celebrated its 10th Awards Banquet on June 9th. This program has expanded through the years with more qualified applicants, more

scholarships presented and larger dollar amounts awarded.

In 2015, PFLAG Dayton awarded two \$2000 scholarships to LGBT students and one \$2000 Jim Wilger Memorial Straight Ally scholarship. Additionally, PFLAG again administered the Greater Dayton LGBT Center \$1000 scholarship to an LGBT student.




Meet these four outstanding recipients.

Ian Edgley, a Political Science major at the University of Dayton, received one of the PFLAG LGBT \$2000 scholarships. His accomplishments include: As a member of the student government, he spearheaded the writing and presentation of a Senate Resolution that called the university to review policies and campus climate regarding LGBTQ students. As a result, UD created an LGBTQ taskforce of which **Ian** is one of two student members. He is now on a committee to implement the taskforce’s recommendations.

The second \$2000 PFLAG LGBT scholarship went to **Claire Chadwick**, an Ohio University student with majors in Sociology and Women, Gender and Sexuality studies. Her accomplishments include: Co-creator of FRC, an organization whose aim is to challenge and eradicate rape culture at OU by educating the community and advocating for survivors of sexual assault. She also co-founded the OU Women’s Association which works to provide space on campus for women to collaborate on programming, share ideas and celebrate diversity. She has spoken at both the Queer Kids Bootcamp and the Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay Transgender Ally College conference. Additionally, **Claire** was the Vice-Women’s Affairs Commissioner on the Student Senate on intimate partner violence in the LGBT community.

The recipient of the \$2000 Jim Wilger Memorial Straight Ally scholarship was **Mike Brill**, a student at the University of Dayton majoring in Political Science. His accomplishments include: Founder of the LGBTQ Ally House, a special interest house at UD and leader in the Ally Training Program, a 4-hour class dedicated to helping faculty and students learn to be more respectful and supportive of LGBTQ individuals and issues. With Ian, he is the other student representative on the UD administration’s LGBTQ taskforce. **Mike** is also President of the student government where he will continue to fight to make UD a safe and welcoming community for LGBTQ people.

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Elizabeth Schoppelrei, a senior at Wright State University majoring in Spanish, minoring in German and Creative Writing and a certificate in Women’s Studies, was the recipient of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center \$1000 scholarship. **Elizabeth’s** accomplishments include: President of WSU Rainbow Alliance, developer and host of the Equity Banquet (money used for scholarships) and annual Drag Review (money used for materials in WSU’s GGBTQA Resource Room. Her focus this year’s was on developing greater understandings of the distinct challenges people with intersecting identities face (for example LGBTQIA and disabled). She developed an event entitled “In Living Color: GLBTQ Life in the Black Community.” Presenting **Elizabeth’s** scholarship was Randy Phillips, President of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center.



Jan Runkle, PFLAG Scholarship Chair; Elizabeth Schoppelrei; Claire Chadwick; Randy Phillips, Greater Dayton LGBT Center President

Special thanks to the Scholarship Committee: Jan Runkle, Ken Willis and Chad McCoy. Winners Mike and Ian could not attend the banquet as they are interning in Washington, D.C. They will attend the picnic in August.

DON'T FORGET!



It’s not too late to sign up for the **Support Group Facilitator Training** on August 8th from 9-1 at Harmony Creek Church. For more information or to register, contact Pat Davis at pjd641@yahoo.com or (937) 545-1179.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑Barnard College to Admit Transgender Women

Barnard College announced recently that it will begin accepting applications from transgender women, becoming the last of the seven all-female college association to change its policy.

↓↑ Speaker/PFLAG Display Ousted from Library

Anne Smoot was to speak on her book *A Christian Coming Out: A Journal of the Darkest Period In My Life*, at the Tyler, TX Public Library, accompanied by a PFLAG display. The City Manager canceled the appearance and ordered the display removed. Following a protest by PFLAG supporters, the display returned, and Smoot was given a larger venue for her talk.

↑LGBT Veterans’ Monument

The first federally-approved monument honoring LGBT veterans was dedicated on Memorial Day at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.



↑Laramie Bans LGBT Discrimination

Seventeen years after the murder of Matthew Shepard, the Laramie, WY, city council passed an ordinance that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It is the first in the entire state.

↓9th Reported Homicide of a Trans Woman in 2015

Alabama transgender teen Mercedes Williamson was murdered in George County; a local man was charged.

↑Good News From Around the World

The world’s smallest country, Pitcairn Island in the Pacific, has passed a law allowing same-sex marriage. A gay pride event was held in Riga, Latvia. The German Federal Assembly proposes changes to the German Civil Code granting same-sex couples full marriage and adoption equality.



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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

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