



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 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

### March

**10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: John Zimmerman from Miami Valley Fair Housing Center.

### April

**14 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: A panel on **Coming Out: Then and Now**

**15 DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

**18 Ohio State PFLAG Conference.** Hosted by PFLAG Dayton. All-day meeting of interesting speakers and useful workshops. See *Message from your President* for details.

### Looking Ahead

### August

**8 Support Group Facilitator Training.** For PFLAG Dayton members and Youth First advisors. Presenters: Pat Davis, PFLAG Support Chair, and Nick Ziza, Psychotherapist.

### October

**16-18 National PFLAG Convention.** Airport Marriott, Nashville, TN. See page 2 for additional information

## *A Message from your President*

PFLAG Dayton is proud to host the 2015 Ohio State PFLAG Conference on April 18, 2015, at the Wingate by Wyndham located at 3055 Presidential Dr. in Fairborn, OH.

PFLAG Dayton chose to concentrate on working with the youth of our community. Our theme for the conference is **“Youth First, Youth Now!”**

Each presenter will provide a program based on his/her expertise. Presenters include: Nick Ziza, Psychotherapist; Elaine Fultz, youth-serving librarian; Lana Moore, Captain with the Columbus Fire Department; Brooke Senter, PFLAG Field and Policy Manager; Matt Moyer, teacher; and Greta McKenzie, Director Greene County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Watch our Facebook page to see descriptions of the workshops provided at the conference and biographies of the presenters.

The state PFLAG conferences are typically restricted to PFLAG members only. Because of this year’s focus on working with the youth of our community, we have opened attendance at the conference to anyone who works with, not only LGBT youth, but any of the youth in their community.

For PFLAG members, another perk of the conference is the chance to network with PFLAGers from other chapters. There are many great ideas for how to be PFLAG, and the conference is a valuable opportunity to share ours and to learn from others.

Individuals who need **Continuing Education Hours** for their licenses will be happy to know that PFLAG Dayton, in conjunction with Wright State University, will be issuing certificates for **contact hours** at the end of the conference.

If you responded to our invitation on our Facebook page, you still need to register to attend the conference. You can register either from the PFLAG Dayton Facebook page or the conference link on our website [www.pflagdayton.org](http://www.pflagdayton.org).

This conference will provide valuable information for you and your organization so you can go back to your communities and implement the ideas for programs in your community. We hope to see you there!

Jan Couchman,  
President  
PFLAG Dayton



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

## Upcoming PFLAG Events

### March Meeting

Join PFLAG Dayton for the monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, March 10th. As at every PFLAG meeting, there will be social time at 7:00 to touch base with PFLAG friends. At 7:30 the meeting will begin, which includes both a program and support group.

The March program will be presented by John Zimmerman from the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center whose mission is: **To eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in our region.**

John will briefly explain the work of the Fair Housing Center, and he will also survey Montgomery County residents about housing discrimination. He will use hand-held polling devices, and all information will be anonymous.

Come to the meeting to learn about this vital community organization and to provide them with useful data that will help them in their efforts to ensure fair housing opportunities for all residents in the Miami Valley.

### April Meeting

We all recognize that progress for LGBT individuals and their families is occurring at a rapid pace – so rapid that sometimes our memories forget or minimize how things used to be, and not necessarily that long ago.

The April PFLAG monthly meeting will take place on the 14th, and our program will explore the reality of LGBT individuals at various times in LGBT history. **Coming Out: Then and Now** will be a panel of people of various ages who will share their journeys, and especially what it was like to be LGBT and to come out during the decades of their lives. Join us for a fascinating exploration of where we have been and where we are now.

## 2nd Learning & Networking Opportunity – National Convention

You read in *A Message from your President* about the exiting and informative Ohio state conference to be held here in Dayton on Saturday, April 18th. State conferences are always excellent learning experiences, and the Dayton PFLAG planning committee is working hard to make this one even bigger and better.

This fall there is a second opportunity to learn and network with other PFLAGers, this time from all 50 states. The **National PFLAG Convention** will be held at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, Tennessee, October 16-18.

National conventions are usually held in Washington, DC, so this affords a closer, less expensive alternative with reasonable registration & lodging rates plus free parking and WiFi. National conventions always offer nationally recognized speakers, workshop choices on a variety of topics, and the presentation of individual and chapter awards. One of the biggest benefits of attending a national convention is networking – explaining what works here in Dayton and learning from other chapters.

Go to <http://community.pflag.org/2015convention> to learn all about the convention – the city, the hotel, the schedule, and most importantly, how to register.

**EARLY BIRD RATES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MARCH 31ST.**

### IT'S ALMOST SCHOLARSHIP TIME

**This June PFLAG Dayton will award three \$2000 scholarships -- one for an LGBT student, one for a Straight Ally student, and one that could go to either an LGBT or Straight Ally student.**

**Additionally, PFLAG will administer a \$1000 scholarship for the Greater Dayton LGBT Center that will go to an LGBT student.**

**Information and applications for PFLAG Dayton and Center scholarships are now available at:**

**[WWW.PFLAGDAYTON.ORG](http://WWW.PFLAGDAYTON.ORG)**

**APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH.**



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## “PFLAG” Around the World

Although they aren’t called PFLAG everywhere, groups are springing up in countries across the globe that share the PFLAG goal of achieving safety, recognition and affirmation for LGBT individuals and their families. In some places this vital work takes considerable courage.

PFLAG national staff, regional directors, boardmembers and some local chapter members are involved in offering information and support to these groups. Depending on realities and needs within the countries, help can take many forms – some open and public like PFLAG in the U.S. and some more behind the scenes where necessary.



RD Chair Kathy Godwin & husband with Vietnamese mother and son

Groups from several countries have connected with the PFLAG staff on visits to this country, and PFLAG national Executive Director Jody Huckabay has recently traveled

to Peru, South Africa and China. There have been outreaches from Western Europe, Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.

Another positive development is cooperation between PFLAG and the State Department. Because PFLAG represents the family voice, the State Department considers PFLAG a valuable resource on LGBT issues, and PFLAG publications have been presented to every American Embassy in the world.

Even PFLAG Dayton is sharing the PFLAG message internationally. Harmony Creek Church, where PFLAG meets, has formed a partnership with a church in Cuba, and two people from there will be visiting here in April. The Cuban congregation is open and affirming, and the visitors, one of whom is their pastor, asked to specifically learn more about PFLAG. The PFLAG Dayton board will meet with them to explain who PFLAG is and what we do.

## ↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

### ↑Nepal Recognizes Third Gender

In January, Nepal announced plans to add a third gender category to passports, following a 2007 Supreme Court ruling recognizing third gender.

### ↓Mississippi Town Retreats from LGBT Rights

Starkville, Mississippi, was praised nationally as a surprising example of progress in the South for passing LGBT-positive laws in November. In January, in a closed-door executive session, the Starkville alderman voted to repeal both the new anti-discrimination statement and the policy providing health benefits for same-sex couples.

### ↑Openly Gay Chief of Staff in Defense Department

New Defense Secretary Ashton Carter recently named Eric Fanning as his chief of staff. Fanning, who is openly gay, was the highest-ranking LGBT person in the Dept. of Defense while serving as undersecretary in the Air Force.

### ↓The Direction of Anti-LGBT Laws

As national marriage equality looks more and more likely, some local and state governments are still seeking ways to express their opposition. On Monday, February 23rd, the state of Arkansas made it illegal for any city or town to protect its LGBTQ residents from discrimination. That would mean that even legally married spouses can be denied employment, housing or public accommodation. If such a law were passed in Ohio, the protections offered by municipalities, including Dayton, would be overturned.

### ↑↓Positive/Negative Ohio Boy Scout News

In a new diversity statement, the Columbus Area Boy Scouts Council states that gay adults shouldn’t be banned as leaders. But the council stops short of saying that discrimination is not permitted, instead leaving the issue up to the leadership of local scouting groups. Still, this represents a significant departure from the national Boy Scouts organization policies against LGBT leaders.



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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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