



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

May

12 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton.

16 Greater Dayton LGBT Center Spring Dinner. Social time: 5:30; Dinner: 6:30. Harmony Creek Church 5280 Bigger Rd. Fried chicken, beverages & tableware will be provided. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

June PRIDE MONTH

5 Beer & Food Trucks; 6 Breakfast, March and Rally, Dayton Gay Men's Chorus Concert; 7 Brunch; 18 Movie at the Neon. Watch for a separate email with details for all PRIDE events.

9 Annual PFLAG Scholarship Banquet. Note time change to 6:30 p.m. Support will be available as always. See *A Message from your President* for details and how to reserve a space.

Looking Ahead

August

8 Support Group Facilitator Training. See page 2 for more information.

11 Annual PFLAG Dayton Picnic. Details in the July/August newsletter.

October

3 Annual PFLAG Dayton Fundraiser, "When the Stars Come Out." Save the date for a fun evening and learn more in the next newsletter.

A Message from your President

I would like to extend a huge "thank you" to all our presenters for the 2015 Ohio State PFLAG conference: Nick Ziza, Elaine Fultz, Lana Moore, Matt Moyer, and Greta McKenzie. They shared valuable information our attendees could take back to their respective chapters and begin using right away. Thanks also to Brooke Senter from the PFLAG national office and Michael Lei, Ohio state coordinator. Our theme was "Youth First, Youth Now" with all programs directed toward working with not only LGBT youth, but all of today's youth.

Thanks also to our sponsors for the event. Sponsors included Michael Smith from American Family Insurance, Kroger, City Barbeque of Beavercreek, City of Dayton, Dayton Dragons, Shumsky Printing, and Chad McCoy from MetLife Auto and Home Insurance. Thank you for helping PFLAG Dayton host this event.

And finally, thank you to the board of PFLAG Dayton for working so diligently to make this conference a success. We received many compliments from attendees.

Our next major event will be our Scholarship Banquet scheduled for June 9. At this banquet we will be presenting our scholarship winners for 2015, both LGBT and straight ally students. **Note the time change:** the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be support offered as usual, but it may begin earlier as well.

This is a catered meal with no cost, but **you must have a reservation.** Reservations can be made on our webpage at pflagdayton.org by registering through Eventbrite. We will accept reservations from May 1 through June 1. No reservations will be accepted after June 1. There are a limited number of seats available, so please register early.

This is one of our most special events of the year. Join us and meet these outstanding students.

Jan Couchman,
President
PFLAG Dayton



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

Upcoming PFLAG Events

May Meeting

The May monthly PFLAG meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 12th, in the Community Room at Harmony Creek Church.

As we know, people are living longer all the time, and often they need extra help as they age. This is also true for older LGBT individuals and couples. Some are fortunate to have the same network of family and community support as straight elders, but some do not.

Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton



Our May program will be a speaker from Rainbow Elder Care Greater Dayton. Their mission is to provide advocacy, educational resources, support and referral services to the elder LGBT community and straight allies in the Greater Dayton Ohio area in ways that affirmatively address their unique needs and enhance their quality of life.

Join us to learn more about Rainbow Elder Care and how they strive to serve older LGBT people in the Dayton area.

June – Scholarship Banquet

In June, we do not hold a typical monthly PFLAG meeting. We will gather on the regular meeting date, June 9th, but we will be greeting and celebrating our 2015 scholarship recipients, both LGBT and straight ally students.

There is no charge to attend the Banquet, but reservations are required by June 1st. See *“A Message from your President”* to learn about the banquet, and most importantly, how to reserve your space for this special event.

Offering Facilitator Training

From its earliest conception, one of the pillars of the PFLAG mission is support – providing parents and LGBT individuals a safe place to talk with peers about their issues, their concerns and their joys.

PFLAG Dayton takes this responsibility seriously so our support groups are guided by facilitators who have been trained by a professional counselor, Nick Ziza. This training is also provided to the advisors of Youth First, the PFLAG-sponsored outreach to area teens.

PFLAG Dayton Facilitator Training will be offered again on **Saturday, August 8, 2015**, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Community Room at Harmony Creek Church (the same room where we hold our monthly meetings). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

There is no charge, but attendees must either be PFLAG members or Youth First advisors. Even if you've attended a past training, you'll learn something new each time you attend! **To sign up, contact Pat Davis at pjd641@yahoo.com or (937) 545-1179.**

FLAG Education – Library Cart

Many of you think you know what to expect when you attend a PFLAG Dayton monthly meeting: friendly people, yummy refreshments, a support group for those who need it, and an informative program.

But there is something else you may not have noticed or have forgotten – **our library cart**. It contains books related to LGBT people and their families for all ages from pre-school to adult. Some are fiction; some are non-fiction. They are for kids of various ages, teens, adults including parents, and they cover our entire alphabet soup of L, G, B, T and Questioning.

While those new to PFLAG might be most likely to check out the cart, even seasoned attendees might be amazed by the variety available. The materials are updated periodically so there is frequently something new. Here are some sample titles:

- PreK-2:** *Jacob’s New Dress* by Sarah Hoffman
- Grades 3-5:** *Better Nate than Ever* by Tim Federle
- Middle School:** *See You at Harry’s* by Johanna Knowles
- High School:** *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan
- Transgender:** *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin

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Library Cart (continued from page 2)

Parents: Coming Out, Coming Home: Helping Families Adjust to a Gay or Lesbian Child by Michael C. LaSala

The next time you attend a PFLAG Dayton meeting, you are invited to stop by the library cart. It is simple to check out a book; just write the title and your name in the notebook on the end of the cart, then cross it off when you return the book the following month.

New Transgender Chair

The PFLAG Dayton board is excited to welcome its newest member – **Skip Carter, Transgender Chair**. Skip has been a lifelong resident of Dayton. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Health and Physical Education from Wright State University, a Master’s Degree in Human Sexuality Education from Antioch University Midwest, and is currently completing a 2nd Master’s Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Capella University. Skip has taught high school and also teaches Human Sexuality at UD. Upon completing his counseling degree, he plans to become a Sex Therapist specializing in sexual orientation and gender identity.

Skip has chosen to be a Sex Educator and to work with PFLAG because there are too many people suffering who would not be if they had the proper education and support. People who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity need to understand that with support and resources, including PFLAG, their lives can get better.

When Skip is not teaching, volunteering, or completing school work, he spends as much time as he can with his wife and kids. They love boating, golf cart rides, and just hanging out together. Skip has played and coached basketball for thirty-five years, and is a big UK fan. He also loves the ocean and is a “beach bum” at heart.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑Facebook Expands Gender Options

Facebook users can now choose custom gender options on their personal profiles and exercise more control over who can view their gender identity.

↑Army Adjusts Policy on Transgender

Mid-level officers in the Army will no longer be allowed to dismiss transgender soldiers without justification under a recent directive issued by the service branch. LGBT advocates see the change as a sign that the military may soon lift its restriction on openly transgender service members.

In a related story, Sgt. Shane Ortega, an Army helicopter crew chief, became the first active service member considered to be openly transgender after a profile of him was published in The Washington Post. Ortega, who identifies as male, is still listed as female in the military's official computer system.

↓Another City Retreats from LGBT Rights

In the previous newsletter, we reported on a Mississippi town. Now voters in Springfield, Mo., have struck down a 2014 ordinance prohibiting discrimination against LGBT citizens. *(Might these retreats be a backlash against the rapid spread of marriage equality and the possibility of a positive Supreme Court marriage decision?)*

↑Adoption Equality in Florida

Recently Florida lawmakers approved House Bill 7013, which would overturn the state's nearly 40-year ban on adoption by same-sex couples, after garnering bipartisan support for the bill.

↓Birth Certificate Bill Fails in Colorado

A Colorado Senate committee on Wednesday voted 3-2 to block a bill that would have allowed transgender people to change the gender on their birth certificates without undergoing surgery.



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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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