



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

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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

### September

**8 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: Nancy & Dan Tepfer on PFLAG: Past, Present and Future

**16 Jason & DeMarco Concert.** See page 3 for details.

**26 Greater Dayton LGBT Center Pasta Dinner.** Social Time: 5:30; Dinner: 6:30. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Street. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### October

**3 *When The Stars Come Out!*** PFLAG Dayton annual fundraiser. 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow Street. See *A Message from your President* for additional information.

**8-11 Dayton LGBT Film Festival** at the Neon. On Sunday, PFLAG Dayton will sponsor *Out To Win*, a documentary of the lives and careers of gay and lesbian athletes. Find the Full festival line-up at <http://daytonlgbt.com/>.

**13 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** Social Time: 7:00; Meeting and Support: 7:30. Program: LGBT History by Linda Bush.

## *A Message from your President*

### Save the Date: October 3, 2015.

PFLAG Dayton will host the 9th annual fundraiser called "*When The Stars Come Out!*" Dancing couples will compete for top honors while raising money for PFLAG Dayton's educational programs such as Safe Schools, Rainbow Reading, Youth First Greater Dayton, and informational materials to pass out at meetings, events and diversity fairs.

We have a few returning couples and several new ones. This experience proves to be an exciting time for participants and audience alike. The evening will also include our "Dayton's Got Talent" participants. Josh Stuckey will return as emcee, and some of Dayton's famous Rubi Girls will serve as judges.

The time is 7:30 p.m., and the location is once again The Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St., in downtown Dayton. Doors open at 7, and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Admission is \$25 which gives you 5 free votes for your favorite dance couple and hors d'oeuvres during the event. If you want to give your favorite team an extra boost, additional votes can be purchased throughout the evening. Please plan to attend and support this amazing event.

**On another note:** PFLAG Dayton is one of the most active chapters in the US. In order to accomplish all we do, we need dedicated volunteers. Here is your opportunity to give back to this organization. We have a few positions for the 2015-2016 board we need volunteers for. The openings include secretary, newsletter editor, and Safe Schools Chair.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions! As we at PFLAG always say:

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

Jan Couchman,  
President  
PFLAG Dayton



## Upcoming PFLAG Events

### September Meeting

The September PFLAG Dayton monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Social time begins at 7:00 with the meeting and support at 7:30

While not the longest-attending members, Nancy and Dan Tepfer have been active in PFLAG Dayton for 17 years, holding a variety of positions on the board throughout that time. Additionally, Dan was involved at the national PFLAG level as both a Regional Director and member of the Board of Directors.

They will share a bit of the unique family story that led them to PFLAG, and they will look back on local and national PFLAG history. More importantly, they will explore where PFLAG needs to concentrate its efforts as we look to the future.

### October Meeting

October is LGBT History Month. The story of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their place in society is a long and complicated one, filled with highs and lows. While it might seem that until recently, it was mostly lows, there have been incredible examples of courage and accomplishment all along the way.

PFLAG Dayton will celebrate LGBT History at our monthly meeting on October 13th with a program presented by Linda Bush from Lexis-Nexis Pride. Knowing where we have been is a big factor in evaluating where we are and where we need to go. Please join us.

### Dayton Board Update

In an effort to serve the PFLAG Dayton members and to fulfill, as well as possible, the PFLAG mission of support, education, and advocacy, there have been some changes on the Dayton PFLAG Board. Several are changes of personnel, but some are a reimagining of the positions

themselves. This new line-up will begin with the 2015-16 fiscal year on October 1st.

Several months ago, in conjunction with a revision of our by-laws, we created the new officer position of business manager. This position pulls together many tasks, previously spread out among other board members, into one cohesive position. It is being, and will continue to be, filled by Chad McCoy, who previously served as Speakers Bureau Chair. Fred Moore has returned to Speakers Bureau Chair, a job he held previously.

Another new position is that of Communications/PR Chair. This too is a combining of related responsibilities, either new or previously handled by another board member. Falling under this umbrella are social media and publicizing PFLAG news and events. Chuck Campbell will move from Hospitality Co-Chair to fill this important new position.

PFLAG Dayton has long had a President Elect position, but it has remained vacant for a while. It is exciting to announce that Tom Humbert has accepted this job and will succeed Jan Couchman as president in 2016-17. Tom will continue this year as Program Chair. Another internal shuffle will take place as Teresa Blodgett moves from Secretary to Treasurer.

### New Board Member

As this newsletter “goes to press,” there is a bio for one new board member. Watch future newsletters to meet additional individuals joining the board.

The new Membership Chair will be **Donna Jacobucci**, a PFLAG straight ally. Donna attended a PFLAG Meeting in 2006 in order to educate her then 14 year old daughter. She loved the PFLAG family and education, and her daughter began avidly attending Youth First. “I became a PFLAG member because I’m an LGBTQ ally, and I understand the immense value that PFLAG brings to the community.”

Donna “landed” in the area when she was in the Air Force in 1983. She resides in Beavercreek with her husband and two cats. Her daughter is now going to college in NYC. Donna works as a chemical dependency counselor, treating men who are drugs/alcohol addicted. She is also a member of Harmony Creek Church where she is involved in the Domestic Violence Ministry and the Food Pantry. She enjoys travelling to big cities, isolated wilderness, and beaches. She also likes to attend plays and movies, listen to music, read, cook, and spend time with her friends. “It’s a wondrously meaningful and adventuresome life.”



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## Goodbye and Thank You

The following individuals will be leaving the Dayton PFLAG Board in October: Ken Willis – Treasurer, Nancy Tepfer – Newsletter Editor, Dan Tepfer – Membership Chair, Kim Peters and Lynn Sellers – Safe Schools Co-Chairs.

Nancy and Dan will remain involved in the non-Board position of Historian/Librarian Co-Chairs. When you see Ken, Nancy, Dan, Kim or Lynn at a PFLAG meeting or in the community, please thank them for volunteering their time and efforts as PFLAG Dayton Board members.

## Jason & DeMarco Concert

Gay pop duo Jason & deMarco will perform in concert on Wednesday, Sept 16th, 7 p.m., at St. John's UCC, 515 E. 3rd St., downtown Dayton. Their hits include "Until the End of Time" and "This Is Love, an MTV Logo *Best Music Video*. Married for five years (together 14), they have appeared at many events advocating for equal rights for LGBT people. This event is sponsored by Eternal Joy MCC & St. John's UCC. Meet their toddler twins and purchase CDs at the reception following the concert. Check out [www.jasonanddemarco.com](http://www.jasonanddemarco.com). For more information, call Pastor Joy, Eternal Joy, (937) 254-2087.

## Membership Renewal Time

**PFLAG Dayton members will soon receive their 2015-16 renewal letters in the mail. If you have already renewed, thank you very much.**

**Membership in PFLAG Dayton enables:**  
**Speakers**  
**Scholarships**  
**Printed Materials**  
**Meeting Hospitality**  
**Sponsorship of Youth First**  
**Chapter Leadership Training**  
**Safe Schools/Rainbow Reading**

**If you have not yet renewed or would like to become a new member, you can do so by:**

- Mailing your membership using the form on page 4 of this newsletter
- Joining at a PFLAG Dayton meeting
- Choosing the credit card option on the membership page of our website

**Thank You!**

## ↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

### ↑LGBT Progress at Three Christian Colleges

Since the Supreme Court marriage equality ruling, some Christian colleges have begun responding favorably. Goshen College, Eastern Mennonite University, and Hope College have amended their policies to include employees in committed, monogamous, same-sex relationships. Goshen College and Eastern Mennonite University are also opening their doors to the transgender community by including "gender identity" in policies.

### ↓Russia Fines Owner of Teen Support Network

Yelena Klimova, the founder of an online LGBT support community for Russian teens, has been fined 50,000 rubles by the government for violating the anti-gay propaganda law.

### ↑Encouraging News from Uganda

LGBT Ugandans, living in one of the worst countries in the world on LGBT rights, see a glimmer of hope. With a 2016 election approaching, former prime minister Amama Mbazazi stated that, while he still favors traditional marriage, he opposes discrimination. He is one of the only Ugandan politicians to ever take that position.



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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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