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Message from the President

Jan Couchman, President
PFLAG Dayton

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday! We are excited to begin our 2016 adventure. Scholarship applications and information are available on our website (pflagdayton.org) now. Our scholarship banquet is scheduled for April this year to help enable all scholarship winners to attend as attendance at the banquet is one of our requirements.

Our 10th annual *"When the Stars Come Out!"* will be held on October 1, 2016. The theme for this year's event will be *"come as your favorite old time movie star."* If anyone is interested in participating either by dancing in this fun event or sharing other talents, please contact me, Jan Couchman, at janc1966@aol.com. More details about the event will be revealed in later newsletters.

We always participate in the Pride Events held in June. Look for PFLAG Dayton to provide additional activities for Pride Weekend. We have already been asked to participate in several other events held throughout 2016 and are delighted to be a part of them. We will keep you informed as they near.

Several interesting programs are planned to be presented at our regular meetings throughout 2016. Remember, our meetings are always the second Tuesday of each month.

With 2016 upon us there is still much work for PFLAG Dayton to do. Marriage equality has been achieved, but we still have to make sure our LGBT loved ones have employment protection and housing protection. We need your support in order to be able to achieve these goals. If you have not renewed your membership in PFLAG Dayton, please do so. If you are not a member of PFLAG Dayton, please join today. ***We need your help!***

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



January

7 – Greater Dayton LGBT Center
Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm,
General

9 – PFLAG Dayton Annual Board Planning Meeting,
9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Harmony Creek Church. Please
contact a board member if you have any ideas or
comments for consideration

12 – PFLAG Dayton – Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm,
General / Chasilee Crawford will discuss her family's
journey with a transgender child

13 – WSU Rainbow Alliance Meeting 7:30 pm,
General

16 – Assert Now, Inc., Pancake Fundraiser, 8:00 am,
Applebee's, Dayton

18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

19 – Gatlyn Dame Group Meeting 7:00 pm, General

February

1 – PFLAG Scholarship applications postmark deadline

9 – PFLAG Dayton – Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm, General /
Program is Boonshoft Pride

14 – Valentine's Day

15 – President's Day

Looking Ahead

4 April – 8th Annual Straight for Equality Gala, NYC

12 April – PFLAG Dayton Monthly Meeting / Scholarship
Banquet

16 April – PFLAG Ohio State Conference, Hosted by PFLAG
Akron (8:00 am-6:00 pm), Fairlawn, OH

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 Rd.,
Kettering (between Whipp & 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.



TO LEARN OF A PFLAG MEETING WEATHER CANCELLATION, CHECK THE SCROLL ON CHANNEL 2, 22, OR 45



IT'S PFLAG DAYTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

PFLAG Dayton awards scholarships each year. There are scholarships available for both LGBT and straight ally students.

Key 2016 Dates:

- **February 1** – Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED
- **March 25** – Interviewed applicants notified of results
- **April 12** – Winners introduced at April meeting

The PFLAG Dayton scholarship program is designed to recognize outstanding students and to contribute toward their continuing education. The awarding of these scholarships is based on a combination of achievement in the areas of academic performance, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Three \$2000 scholarships are offered by PFLAG and one \$1000 scholarship is offered by the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. Additional info, details, and application are on the PFLAG website. http://pflagdayton.org/?page_id=36

TOP 5 GAY FILMS OF 2015

(from Adam Groffman in Huff Post Gay Voices)



Seashore (2015, Brazil)

One of the sweetest gay films, this coming-of-age story takes place by the seashore in Brazil, between two teenage boys; a kind and compelling story of friends, of their short journey of self-discovery.

Nasty Baby (2015, USA)

Taking place in Brooklyn, this film tells the story of a gay couple and their best friend (played by Kristen Wiig) -- who has an unconventional threesome plan to have a baby together.

Oriented (2015, Israel)

This documentary tells the story of three gay Palestinians living in Tel Aviv. The three protagonists experience life with their own identity crises -- much like other twenty-somethings.

Dressed as a Girl (2015, UK)

This UK documentary follows the lives of some of East London's most notorious drag stars and their community. The film follows their lives for almost six years, from festivals to the dark and dank clubs in East London.

Drown (2015, Australia)

This Australian gay film is a powerful story about masculinity, following the fictional lives of Sydney surfers. Jealousy, homophobic fear and unrequited lust trickle throughout the movie.

A LOOK BACK

SOME OF THE BEST & WORST OF 2015

[ADAPTED FROM THE PFLAG VOICE]

😊 Last year at this time, 36 states and D.C. legalized same-sex marriage, with the remaining 14 states and Puerto Rico in some part of the process of moving towards full marriage equality. [We achieved the freedom to marry on June 26th, 2015](#), with PFLAG once again submitting a supportive amicus brief (courtesy of our wonderful pro bono attorneys at Folger Levin).

☹️ That county clerk...and we won't contribute to her 15 minutes of infamy by naming her—but she represents the worst of the efforts around freedom of religion, and how it is so easily conflated with the freedom to discriminate. Thousands of PFLAGers are also people of strong faith--and there's no question we'll be educating people on the issues, as well as continuing our advocacy on the spate of bills currently making their way through state legislatures across the country.

😊 The continued elevation of the lives of people who are transgender and gender expansive (e.g., Laverne Cox, Janet Mock, and Caitlin Jenner) to the massive attention paid to shows like *TRANSPARENT* (now considered one of the best shows ever produced, with one of the most inclusive workplaces in the entertainment industry).

☹️ Violence against people who are transgender--in particular trans people of color--continued to dominate the news. The outcry of #translivesmatter in social media further elevated the need for serious protections for our trans and gender-expansive loved ones.

😊 Beautiful and inclusive news from a variety of faith-based traditions, e.g.: The resolution on transgender and gender-nonconforming people was uncontested at the Union for Reform Judaism convention in Orlando; the Episcopal Church created both a rite for same-sex weddings and passed a nondiscrimination ordinance that would allow people who are transgender to become ordained priests within that faith; and, The Boy Scouts officially ended their ban on gay leaders.

☹️ A new policy was introduced by the Mormon church, barring children living with same-sex couples from baby-naming ceremonies and baptisms and declaring members in same-sex marriages to be apostates subject to excommunication. We have many PFLAGers who are Mormons, and we've seen up close the harm this new policy is having on so many families.

See more BEST and WORST of 2015 at <http://pflagvoice.blogspot.com/2015/12/2015-highlights-and-hurdles.html?view=mosaic>

See a few "Moments That Made Us Totally Rethink Gender in 2015" sprinkled among this page (from HuffPost Gay Voices).



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The parents of a three-year-old boy in Virginia gained viral fame this year when they posted a photo of their son, Caiden, wearing a princess Halloween costume from the popular movie "Frozen."

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Target made a bold move in 2015 -- and angered some customers -- by moving towards a gender-neutral approach with its in-store signage. The main change involved removing "boys" and "girls" as identifiers in certain sections like toys and bedding.



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Actress and model Ruby Rose ascended to stardom this year thanks to her role on the Netflix original series "Orange Is The New Black." Rose used her platform to school people on the nuances of gender fluidity, discussing being outside of the gender binary in an interview with Elle.

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Miley Cyrus came out as pansexual in an interview with Elle UK, after she previously discussed the fluid nature of her sexuality with Paper, saying, "I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn't involve an animal and everyone is of age. I don't relate to being boy or girl, and I don't have to have my partner relate to boy or girl."

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