



San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

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Our PFLAG Speakers Bureau at the Crossroads

Past Year Highlights:

* We provided 28 panels to an audience of 1,270 people at high-schools, community colleges, universities and churches.

* With much pro-bono assistance, we completed a migration of our PFLAG Speakers Bureau (PSB) database from File-maker Pro to the Salesforce.com cloud platform.

* Salesforce.com helps us manage our Volunteer and Host Contacts, Organizations, Locations, Donors, Events & Activities, plus provides powerful workflow and automation, a multi-user environment, integration with Google Apps and a wealth of other custom applications to facilitate much easier management of our data and processes.

* This platform is an excellent Campaign and Donor management system which can be utilized to target potential donors for not only the PSB but potentially the entire chapter.

* Our system is being developed as a prototype for adoption by other chapters: currently, Triangle Speakers of Santa Cruz is utilizing this system with great success. We'd eventually love to see PFLAG National adopt such a system, which is available free to any non-profit.

Future Needs:

We need to identify new Speakers Bureau Coordinator(s) as our current coordinator is no longer be able to continue. A taskforce is needed to assure the continuance of this vital and valuable component of PFLAG's mission of education and advocacy.

This is where we really need YOU to step forward to serve on the taskforce and volunteer to coordinate or co-coordinate our Speakers Bureau. A great, efficient structure for managing is already in place — now we need to insure that the progress we've made is not lost!

For more information about the San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Speakers Bureau and volunteer options, call our Helpline: (408) 270-8182.

Note: This report was presented at our San Jose/Peninsula Chapter Annual Meeting on March 14, 2011.



Meeting Calendar

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- May 9 Redwood City Support** - 7:30 PM
Sequoia Union H.S. District Offices
480 James Ave., Redwood City
(2nd Monday of the month)
- May 11 San Jose Support** - 7:30 PM
First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)
- May 17 Board Meeting Teleconference**
(3rd Tuesday of the month)
ALL ARE WELCOME!
- May 19 Straight Spouse Support** - 7:30 PM
Call San Jose Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)



GILROY and other locations:
Call the Helpline
for support and information:
(408) 270-8182



*Newsletter Stuffing in San Mateo
Contact the editor for more info*

**June/July Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, May 27**

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG



Scholarship Awards Ceremony

**Wednesday, May 11
7:30 PM**

**First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

Redwood City, May 9

Los Angeles or Bust! Biking to LA to fight HIV/AIDS: Angel Sheridan will share her experience in AIDS/LifeCycle, the 7-day bike ride from San Francisco to LA that raises money and awareness for people suffering with HIV/AIDS. She will tell us about the ride, how the funds help the SF AIDS Foundation and LA Gay and Lesbian Center, and what it's like to ride 8 hours a day every day for 7 days!

Note: PFLAG member **Paul Clifford** is also participating in AIDS/LifeCycle.

More information at: www.aidslifecycle.org/

San Jose, May 11

San Jose /Peninsula PFLAG 2011 Scholarship Awards Ceremony — Please join us!

Small group support is offered at each meeting. ▼

Dues are DUE!

Renew your membership today! Mail your check today or donate online at: www.pflagsanjose.org. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all of you who have renewed and donated to our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG chapter and Scholarship program. ▼



Legal Principles in Same-Sex Marriage May 10

An informal talk on *Legal Principles Regarding Same-Sex Marriage* will be given at the Billy DeFrank Community Center, 938 The Alameda, San Jose, on May 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This program is geared to non-lawyers and covers legal principles related to Proposition 8 and the same-sex marriage court cases.

Speakers include Professor Margalynne Armstrong, Associate Director of the Santa Clara Law School's Center for Social Justice and Public Service, and Kate Kendell, Executive Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. The event is free, but reservations are required. RSVP by email to Robert@RobertGreeleyLaw.com.

More information at: www.defrank.org ▼

Let me say today that human rights are
gay rights and gay rights are human
rights, once and for all.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

PFLAG National Convention 2011

Bringing the Message Home
Washington, D.C.
November 3-6, 2011



Keynote Speaker:
Betty DeGeneres

Betty DeGeneres — the quintessential PFLAG Mom — will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 PFLAG National Convention in Washington D.C. November 3-6, 2011.

Join PFLAGers from across the country to learn new skills, build relationships, and celebrate our work as we look ahead to the future. Whether you are a seasoned leader or just getting started, there is no better way to gain valuable new perspectives!

National Convention will offer a lobby day, and hands-on workshops, networking opportunities, and dynamic speakers presenting on cutting-edge topics to provide the framework you need to help move equality forward.

Early bird rate deadline: May 31! Register at: <http://community.pflag.org/convention> ▼



Transgender Support and Social Groups

Multiple Transgender support groups meet regularly at the Billy DeFrank Community Center, 938 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126. Visit: www.defrank.org

For an up-to-date listing of resources and local events for the transgendered community, visit the Carla's Boutique and Social Club website: <http://www.carlas.com/> Scroll to the bottom of the screen to see *Upcoming Events*. ▼

➔ Mark Your Calendar

May 5 — OFC Annual Night Out

May 11 — PFLAG Scholarship Awards

May 12 — *Out to Eat* with Outlet

May 14 — Queer on Their Feet Improv

June 17, 18, 19 — SVGMC/RWC Concert

June 25-26 — San Francisco Pride

July 4 — Redwood City 4th of July Parade

Aug 20-21 — San Francisco Pride

Nov. 3-6 — PFLAG National Convention

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG
2011 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
May 11

Don't miss the **2011 PFLAG Scholarship Awards Ceremony, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 11** at our San Jose support meeting. It is sure to be an inspiring and heartwarming event!

Each year our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG chapter offers scholarships to high school seniors whose educational history, personal plans, and activities demonstrate support for justice and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons.

This year we will award four \$2,000 scholarships. The awards provide financial support for seniors who will attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or business/technical school in the fall of 2011. Three of this year's winners are outstanding leaders of their public high school's GSAs. Our fourth winner, comes from Palo Alto Prep. Although his school has no GSA, Eli successfully lobbied for a gender studies class, helped develop the syllabus, and taught two of the sections.

Join us in San Jose on May 11 to meet and honor these outstanding youth! ▼



San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter
to be Honored at *Out to Eat!*
May 12

At this year's *Out to Eat* dinner gala, Outlet is honoring our PFLAG chapter with a Community Hero Award! Your participation will honor PFLAG and support Outlet, an organization that greatly impacts the lives of Peninsula LGBTQ Youth and broader communities.

Final Deadline to RSVP: Monday, May 2!



5:30-9:30 pm
Computer History Museum
1401 N. Shoreline Road,
Mountain View, CA

Ask to be seated at the PFLAG table!

Purchase tickets online at:

www.projectoutlet.org/Out2Eat.html

Tickets: \$150; Elementary and secondary teachers: \$75.

Founded in 1997, Project Outlet is the Peninsula's only comprehensive LGBTQ Youth organization, and provides bilingual Spanish language services. ▼



Parade Season is Coming!
March or Ride in SF Pride —
with PFLAG!
June 26

Invite your family to join you to walk up Market to Civic Center or ride in the double decker bus with PFLAG in the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade! Monitors are required for each contingent — PFLAG will need 14 monitors. These wonderful volunteers go to one training session in the weeks before the Parade and then join our contingent as we set off up Market Street. Your family and friends can march with you as you focus on the safety of our marchers. Contact pflagsf@aol.com to volunteer. ▼

San Jose Pride — Moving Forward Together
August 20-21

This year San Jose Pride celebrates unity, community, partnership and moving forward together. The Pride Festival will be held in Discovery Meadow Park, San Jose. To date there has been no announcement of a parade. Stay tuned for information about the PFLAG booth at the two-day festival! ▼

Our Families Mean the World to us
July 4 — Redwood City Parade



What better way to show that than to share PFLAG's family love with 100,000 spectators from around the Bay Area. Come march with us on July 4th in the PFLAG contingent of the Redwood City Celebration Parade!

Time: Late morning

Starting place: Near Whipple and Arguello in Redwood City (exact location TBA later)

Dress: Black pants, a plain white top, and a PFLAG sash

We will also wear firemen's hats (provided) to commemorate the Redwood City Fire Department's 150 years of community service — the theme of this year's Parade.

Additional details will be sent to you, as the parade organizers provide them to us. Sign up at a PFLAG meeting or for more information, call our Helpline: (408) 270-8182. ▼

At the time I opposed same-sex marriage, I was led by fear. Having seen so many happy gay and lesbian couples getting married, I realize I was wrong. I don't understand any more what made me treat gays and lesbians differently from other citizens.

Senator Hannie van Leeuwen,
Netherlands Christian Democrat Party

