San Mateo County Pride Proclamation
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Meeting
**Board Chambers — Tuesday, June 4 at 9 am**
400 County Center, First Floor, Redwood City 94063

Supervisor David Pine will present a Board of Supervisors Resolution in recognition of Pride Month, modeled on the resolution annually adopted by the State Legislature. This is San Mateo County’s first ever Pride Month Proclamation!

Please make plans to attend and tell your family, friends and allies to support this historic event. Let’s fill the chamber!!

The Boy Scouts of America Decision
by Liz Owen, PFLAG National

On May 23, the Boy Scouts of America decided, with a 61%-39% vote, to change their policy regarding openly gay scouts. While we applaud the BSA for taking this step forward, we hope they will continue this path of understanding about the meaning of inclusivity as it relates to openly gay and lesbian leaders as well.

The following is PFLAG’s official statement on the vote. It can also be found on the PFLAG National Blog: [http://blog.pflag.org/2013/05/pflag-national-statement-on-boy-scouts.html](http://blog.pflag.org/2013/05/pflag-national-statement-on-boy-scouts.html)

PFLAG National believes that, while the BSA has today taken a step in the right direction, the new policy is still, at its heart, discriminatory against our gay and lesbian loved ones.

Inclusion, by its very nature, cannot be selective: either you are a welcoming organization or you are not. In going halfway with this policy, the BSA suggests that their members are only capable of being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, courteous and kind until their 18th birthdays. Once taught, do these traits diminish or disappear once a child comes of age? Shouldn’t being a scout serve as the best training to then lead other scouts in the future? And for same-sex parents who want to participate as leaders in their children’s troops, should the message be that their commitment to their child’s scouting activities is suspect?

At PFLAG National, we are troubled by the message this sends to ALL youth and adults about what it means to be a truly inclusive organization. We hope that the BSA will quickly realize that the organization is still on the wrong side of history, and take the necessary step to do the right thing by ALL of its members, denying no person membership or a position in the scouts based solely on their sexual orientation.

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PRIDE & PARADES
San Mateo Pride Festival — June 15
SF Gay Pride Parade — June 30
Redwood City 4th of July Parade and Picnic!
San Jose Pride — August 17-18

Please join us!
PFLAG Support Meetings

Redwood City, June 10 - 7:00 pm
San Jose, June 12 - 7:30 pm
To be announced—please check our website for updates: www.pflagsanjose.org

Redwood City, July 8 - 7:00 pm
San Jose, July 10 - 7:30 pm
At both July support meetings we will share our experiences from Pride month and the parades.
Small group support will be offered at all meetings.

PFLAG Membership Dues are Due!

Your 2013 PFLAG membership dues are now due — if you haven’t done so, please take a moment to join or renew today!

Please consider the Benefactor, Angel, or Diva level. Donations to our Scholarship Fund are also deeply appreciated. Many employers offer matching programs that could double your contribution. If you ask your employer to make a matching gift, you will need to give them our EIN (Employer ID Number): 7702544991. Other ways to support PFLAG and make contributions can be found in The Gift of Giving brochure on our website.

Mail your contribution with the form on page 4 of this newsletter, or renew online at: www.pflagsanjose.org. On behalf of our chapter, we thank you for your commitment to the mission of PFLAG.

Sincerely,
Your Finance Committee

Gender Spectrum Conference
July 12-14

Registration is now open for the 2013 Gender Spectrum Conference which will take place on July 12-14 in Berkeley CA. The Gender Spectrum Conference focuses on creating gender sensitive and inclusive environments for all children and teens.

Workshops and other programming are designed for newcomers and experienced attendees alike. Wherever you find yourself in your journey, this conference welcomes you with open arms. Even if you’ve been to all six previous conferences, the 2013 Gender Spectrum Conference will offer exciting new programming for you!

Register here: www.eventbee.com/v/2013genderspectrumconference

Want more information? Visit www.genderspectrum.org
Questions? Please email info@genderspectrum.org or call (510) 567-3977.

DesiQ 2013 Gala
July 4-6

DesiQ is a conference focusing on LGBTQ South Asian issues and is organized by Trikone in San Francisco once every 5 or 6 years. This is the opportunity for you to meet Desi activists from all over the world.

Location: Scottish Rite Center, Oakdale, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakland, CA 94612
You will need to buy tickets from the DesiQ website http://desiq.org/buy-ticket

If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to this cause so that those who are passionate for this cause, but unable to attend, can attend and make a difference.

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/130522870471969/

National PFLAG Convention
October 24-27

Join PFLAGers from across the country to learn new skills, build relationships, and celebrate this work as we look to inspire the future of the movement for LGBT equality. Whether you are a seasoned leader or just getting started, there is no better way to gain valuable new perspectives than to join us at this exciting time, as the seas of change rush forward towards full acceptance and equality.

Washington D.C. — Mayflower Renaissance Hotel
Lobby Day — October 24 (optional)
Register now to take advantage of Early Bird rates: https://community.pflag.org/convention-registration

Mark Your Calendar

June 2 — Santa Cruz Pride Parade
June 4 — San Mateo County Pride Proclamation
June 8 — PFLAG Brainstorming Session
June 15 — San Mateo Pride—First ever!
June 29-30 — SF Pride Festival & Parade
July 4 — Redwood City Parade
July 12-14 — Gender Spectrum Conference
Aug. 17-18 — San Jose Pride Festival
Oct. 24-27 — PFLAG National Convention
Gearing Up for SF Pride
June 29—30

Make plans now to join PFLAG in San Francisco for Pride Weekend! As always, we will have a large and well-loved contingent in the San Francisco Pride Parade.

This year we’ll have a new look as we make our way up Market Street accompanied by an authentic 1907 Cable Car on wheels. Anyone who feels unable to walk the length of the parade route is welcome to ride in it. We ask for a donation of $25 to help fund the cost, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

In addition to being in the parade, we will have a booth at the Civic Center celebration area on Saturday and Sunday. To make all of this possible we depend on volunteers to be Parade Monitors, Banner Carriers or PFLAG Booth Staffers.

Contact PFLAGSF@aol.com or (415) 921-8850 with your questions or to volunteer. See you soon!

We Need Contingent Monitors!

Contingent Monitor Training is required for participating in the SF Pride Parade — even if you have done it before!

For our cable car, we also need volunteer wheel monitors: one for each tire (two per axle). Wheel Monitors cannot hold or pass out items, as you need to be hands-free and remain beside the wheels.

Each Contingent Monitor training runs about an hour, and we advise getting to the venue early to make sure you get a seat. When we reach capacity, we will need to turn people away. You do not need to RSVP to attend, you will fill out a required attendance card during the training.

6/11, 8:30pm - Head over Heels / Cheer SF - 4701 Doyle St, Bldg. F, Emeryville. Access via Spur Alley on 45th St.
6/13, 7 pm - Virgin America HQ - 555 Airport Blvd, Burlingame
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6/16, 1 pm -- The Center, Rainbow Room - 1800 Market St, SF
6/17, 7 pm - The Center, Rainbow Room - 1800 Market St, SF
6/19, 7 pm - The Center, Rainbow Room - 1800 Market St, SF
6/20, 7 pm - The Center, Rainbow Room - 1800 Market St, SF
6/22, 1 pm - The Center, Rainbow Room 1800 Market St, SF
6/23, 1 pm - SF Public Library, Koret Auditorium - 100 Larkin St, SF
6/24, 7:00 PM - The Center, Rainbow Room - 1800 Market St, SF

For updates to this list, see the website: www.sfpride.org
Click on the Parade tab at the top of the page.
Would you like to volunteer?  
Call the information lines.  
We need your help — Call today!

PFLAG'S MISSION

We provide love and support for all family members and friends. We work to create an environment of understanding so that our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender loved ones can live with dignity and respect. These are our goals:

SUPPORT • EDUCATION • ADVOCACY

WHAT IS PFLAG?

PFLAG is Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. We are a national support, education and advocacy organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people, their families, friends and allies. With 200,000 members and supporters, and local affiliates in more than 500 communities across the U.S. and abroad, PFLAG is the largest grassroots-based family organization of its kind. PFLAG is a nonprofit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions.

Your financial support makes PFLAG’s work possible. As a chapter member you can also become engaged in the vital work of providing support, education and advocacy in your community. Even if you're not sure that you need PFLAG, remember that PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

MEMBERSHIP IN SAN JOSE / PENINSULA PFLAG - 2013

Send in this coupon to join, renew, or change your address!

[Options for membership levels, donations, etc.]

ENDowment Fund

Make checks payable and mail to: PFLAG • PO Box 2718, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Your donations & membership are tax deductible.

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Redwood City July 4th Parade

The annual Redwood City July 4th Parade is coming up fast! This year will be our 17th year of marching. The Peninsula Celebration Association, which organizes the parade, is celebrating its 75th anniversary, so the overall theme this year is “Celebrating 75 Years of Pageantry”. Our PFLAG contingent theme is “Hats Off to the Peninsula Celebration Association.” We will wear several different hats from the many years we have been marching, and salute the PCA by tipping our hats in front of each of the 9 reviewing stands.

Here’s our announcing statement:
San Jose-Peninsula PFLAG is the Bay Area’s voice for family equality. They work to create an environment of understanding so that their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender loved ones can live with dignity and respect. They provide support, education, and advocacy through monthly meetings, a speaker’s bureau, scholarships, and a hotline. Wearing rainbow hats from their 17 years of marching in this parade, they offer a “hats off” salute to the Peninsula Celebration Association for their 75 years of pageantry.

We Need your Hats!

I have some hats from previous years. But we need some more. Can you check your closets, giveaway bags, garages, basements, and attics and see if you have any of the following hats:
- Dr. Seuss Rainbow Stovepipe
- Rainbow Propeller Beanie
- Green Frog with Rainbow Flag
- Farmer Hats (last year); might update with rainbow ribbon around brim
- Red Fireman Hat with rainbow stickers

Please let me know ASAP what you have. I can arrange to pick up them up. If you have any other colorful, rainbow-type hats, please let me know that too! We can use really any kind of colorful hats.

Hope to hear from you soon!
Better yet, hope you can march with us!
And picnic afterwards!
Contact Frances at frances@morses.net
Celebration!
1st Annual San Mateo County LGBTQ Pride

Saturday June 15, 2013
12pm - 4pm
Central Park Recreation Center
San Mateo

Free admission!!
Refreshments!!
DJ + Live music!
Film screenings!
Discussion panels!
LGBT timeline presentation!
Children’s entertainment!
Resource Fair + HIV testing!
Raffles + Prizes!

San Mateo Pride is a clean + sober event!

For more information, please contact:
Susan Takalo: stakalo@shfb.org

San Mateo Pride event is sponsored by:

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