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Equality for All — "The Most Evident of Truths"

President Barack Obama had this to say in his second inaugural speech on January 21, 2013:

We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths – that all of us are created equal – is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall; just as it guided all those men and women, sung and unsung, who left footprints along this great Mall, to hear a preacher say that we cannot walk alone; to hear a King proclaim that our individual freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of every soul on Earth.

It is now our generation's task to carry on what those pioneers began. For our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers, and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts.

Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law – for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.

Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm.

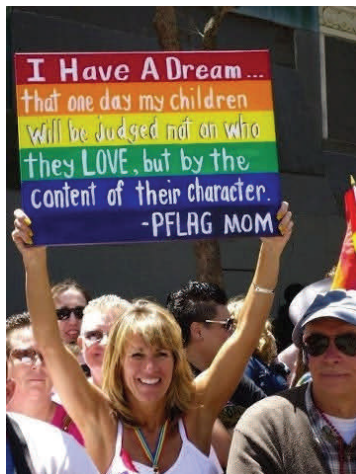
May it be so! Please join your San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG chapter on our journey to keep the dream of equality and safety for our LGBT families and friends alive.

In this issue you'll find a list of Board and leadership vacancies to be filled at our annual meeting on Monday, March 11. There are other volunteer opportunities, too.

With your help we can and will move forward!

With thanks for all that you give and do,

Your San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Board and Leaders



Meeting Calendar

◀ MARCH ▶

Mar. 11 Redwood City Support - 7:30 pm
Sequoia Union H.S. District Offices
480 James Ave., Redwood City
(2nd Monday of the month)

▶ ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

Mar. 13 San Jose Support - 7:30 pm
First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Mar. 21 Straight Spouse Support-7:30 pm
call San Jose Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Mar. 21 Board Meeting Teleconference
(3rd Thursday of the month)
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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



April/May Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, March 22

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Annual Membership Meeting and Election

**Monday, March 11
7:30 PM**

At the Redwood City Meeting

All are Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

Redwood City, March 11
San Jose, March 13

Speakers to be announced. Small group support will be offered at all meetings. ▼

PFLAG Membership Dues are Due!

Your 2013 PFLAG membership dues are now due — 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 ▼

Laramie Project — Portola Valley March 7-10

The Laramie Project will be performed in Portola Valley at Woodside Priory School on Portola Valley Road, near Alpine. The Priory is an independent Catholic school in the Benedictine tradition, with four Monks in residence. Performances are March 7-9 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. ▼

SF PFLAG's New Website

The San Francisco PFLAG Chapter has redesigned their website at www.pflagsf.org — it looks really snazzy! Check out all the great links across the top of the page. There are pages in Chinese and Spanish! ▼

Queer Youth Advocacy Day 2013 April 29

Queer Youth Advocacy Day (QYAD) 2013 will take place in Sacramento on Monday, April 29th.

This year, QYAD is presented by Gay-Straight Alliance Network, Equality California Institute, The Trevor Project, the Transgender Law Center, and ACLU of California, among others. Read more:

<http://www.gsanetwork.org/events/queer-youth-advocacy-day> ▼

Jeanne Manford, 1920-2013

It is with great sorrow that we share with you the passing of PFLAG's founder, Jeanne Manford on January 8, 2013.

PFLAG National Executive Director, Jody Huckaby, wrote:

Today the world has lost a pioneer: Jeanne Manford, the founder of PFLAG and the Mother of the Straight Ally movement.

Jeanne was one of the fiercest fighters in the battle for acceptance and equality for LGBT people. It is truly humbling to imagine in 1972 — just 40 years ago — a simple schoolteacher started this movement of family and ally support, without benefit of any of the technology that today makes a grassroots movement so easy to organize. No Internet. No cell phones. Just a deep love for her son and a sign reading “Parents of Gays: Unite in Support for Our Children.”

This simple and powerful message of love and acceptance from one person resonated so strongly it was heard by millions of people worldwide and led to the founding of PFLAG, an organization with more than 350 chapters across the U.S. and 200,000 members and supporters, and the creation of similar organizations across the globe.

Jeanne Manford was posthumously awarded the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal by President Obama at a White House ceremony on Friday, February 15.

The family requests that donations be made to the Jeanne Manford Legacy Fund to support the ongoing work of PFLAG National: 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 660, Washington, DC 20036.

Other tributes to Jeanne Manford:

The Rachel Maddow show: Jeanne Manford, model for parental love www.nbcnews.com/id/26315908/ns/msnbc-tv-rachel_maddow_show#50439148

NPR, *All Things Considered: Jeanne Manford: A Mother First, Gay Rights Activist Second*

<http://m.npr.org/news/front/169223070> ▼

► Mark Your Calendar ◀

- Mar. 7-10 — Laramie Project
- Mar. 11 — PFLAG Annual Meeting
- April 29 — QYAD Advocacy Days
- May 8 — PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night
- June 2 — Santa Cruz Pride Parade
- June 8 — PFLAG Brainstorming Session
- June 30 — SF Pride Parade

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter Annual Membership Meeting March 11

All are invited to attend our 2013 Annual Meeting! This event will take place at the beginning of the Redwood City support meeting. We will celebrate our chapter's accomplishments, and elect new Board members. We're looking for a Vice President, as well as three more Board members. We're also looking for Publicity, Advocacy and Program Chairs. As you can see, we have a number of excellent volunteer opportunities!
Please contact Ken Klucsor for more information.

Agenda

- Review and Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Officers' and Committees' Reports
- Call for Nominations
- Board Elections
- New Business

Notes:

Advocacy, Program and Publicity Chairs are welcome to serve on the Board, but Board membership is not required.

You must a member in good standing of San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG in order to serve on the Board.



Save the date! — PFLAG Chapter Shape the Future Brainstorming Session June 8

Join your fellow PFLAG members and leaders on Saturday afternoon, June 8 in Palo Alto to brainstorm ways that our chapter can more effectively fulfill our mission. How can we grow? What are you passionate about?
Food, Fun and the Future of PFLAG — Don't miss it! ▼

PFLAG Table at Bay Area Youth Summit May 11

Bay Area Youth Summit invites our San Jose Peninsula PFLAG chapter to table at the 2013 Summit on May 11, at Aragon High School in San Mateo. We will have the opportunity to connect with over 300 anticipated attendees and share our mission and educational materials. If you can help, contact Ken Klucsor: kenklucsor@yahoo.com ▼

What we dream we become.
Henry Miller

PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night Wednesday, May 8 — 7:30 PM At the San Jose Support Meeting Save the Date!



Thank You from PFLAG Scholarship Recipient

We received the following note from one of our former PFLAG Scholarship winners:

... I just want to say thank you so much to you and PFLAG for the scholarship. I am truly honored, and it will really help at Dartmouth. I am loving Dartmouth, and I am amazed at how easy and accepting a place it is. I am out to everyone, and have run into no problems. I am also doing varsity rowing, and have run into no issues there. It makes me think that without organizations like PFLAG, none of that would exist. Your organization is inspiring and I thank you for helping me be me.

Best,
William ▼

Update: PFLAG National

Much of the work we do in our chapter would not be possible without the extraordinary support and resources that are made available to us from PFLAG National. If you haven't checked the PFLAG National website lately, it's worthwhile to re-familiarize ourselves with the resources that are available to us as PFLAG members.

PFLAG has updated some of our most popular booklets that can be downloaded for free at:

www.pflag.org/freepublications

Transgender Support. Check out TNET, PFLAG's Transgender Network. TNET specifically focuses on support for transgender people and their parents, families, and friends. It provides education on some issues unique to the transgender community, and focuses on issue advocacy to ensure equal rights for the transgender community at local and national levels. More information at:

www.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=380

Straight Allies. In this the past year, PFLAG has enriched it's Straight for Equality program by adding a new resource called "Be Not Afraid, Help is on the Way." This publication is aimed at moving our religious beliefs and relationships with GLBT people away from the either/or, love the sinner/hate the sin framework to a place where people come to understand that you can be a person of faith, loyal to your religion's teachings, and someone who supports their GLBT friends and family. Learn more at:

www.straightforequality.org/Faith

Discounts. You can get a 5% discount on your purchases from Amazon if you shop through the link on the PFLAG National website www.pflag.org/ by going to "Shop PFLAG." You can buy PFLAG logo apparel, gifts, and more. ▼

