



San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

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New Year's Resolutions—It's Not Too Late!

Our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter would not exist without many generous gifts of time, energy, creativity and funds — from you, our valued members and friends.

We rely on you for funding our cable TV program, scholarships, newsletter, outreach, libraries, and much more. Your financial support is critical, but your willingness to work on carrying out the PFLAG mission of education, advocacy and support is just as essential. We are deeply grateful for your support!

If you haven't recently volunteered, please look inside this newsletter for some great opportunities. Sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting. Help us find speakers and programs that meet your needs and the needs of newcomers. Lend a hand to help with our Scholarship Awards program. Sign up to be our next Treasurer! And it's not too early to let us know that you'll help out with San Francisco or San Jose Pride. Look at the "OPEN" holes in the list of Board Members and Supports on page 4 — and think about where you can step up to fill a need and have some fun, too.

So send in your dues and put PFLAG on your list of New Year's Resolutions—somewhere near the top! Our survival as a PFLAG Chapter and as an agent of positive change for families, friends, and members of the LGBT community depends on you!

We wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2015.

Your PFLAG Board, Finance Committee, and Support Chairpersons

A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that.

Dorothy Day

They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.

Andy Warhol

Meeting Calendar

◀ FEBRUARY/MARCH ▶



Feb.10 Redwood City Support - 7:00 pm
Mar. 9 Sequoia Union H.S. District Offices
480 James Ave., Redwood City
(2nd Monday of the month)
▶ **On Tuesday in February!**

Feb.11 San Jose Support - 7:30 pm
Mar.11 First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Feb.19 Straight Spouse Support-7:30 pm
Mar.19 Call San Jose Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Feb.19 Board Meeting Teleconference
Mar.19 (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 27

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Annual Meeting & Election

Monday, March 9
7:00 PM

at the Redwood City meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

Redwood City, Tuesday, Feb. 10 — 7:00 pm

The School District Office asked us to change the date of our support meeting this month due to a schedule conflict.

Redwood City, Monday, March 9 — 7:00 pm

**Support for Parents of Trans* Youth —
A Conversation with Anthony Ross, Outlet**

The need for a parent support network for parents with Trans* teens is huge and unmet. Outlet Director Anthony Ross will join us at our March Redwood City meeting to begin a conversation about how we can work with each other to try to give good support to these parents. Please come and join the conversation!



San Jose, Wednesday, Feb. 11 — 7:30 pm
Support meeting.

San Jose, Wednesday, March 11 — 7:30 pm

Triptych: Film and discussion with Pam Walton.

Triptych is about three women in their seventies who've devoted their entire adult lives to making art. They show us what they do and how they do it. Lana Wilson is a mother and grandmother who has used her seemingly boundless energy to become a well known ceramic artist. Jeanne DuPrau, author of *The City of Ember*, is a New York Times best selling children's writer. And Nan Golub, a lesbian painter living in New York City, studied with Richard Diebenkorn and Deborah Remington and has been compared to Rufino Tomayo. Join us at the March San Jose meeting to see the film and meet the director!

Read more: www.pamwaltonproductions.com

Small group support is offered at all meetings. ▼

2015 PFLAG Membership

Many thanks to all of you who renewed your 2015 membership! If you have not yet joined or renewed, now is the time!

Donations at the Benefactor, Angel, or Diva level, or to our Scholarship Fund, are 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. See also *The Gift of Giving* brochure on our website.

Renew by mail or online at: www.pflagsanjose.org. On behalf of our chapter, we thank you for your commitment to the mission of PFLAG and all you do to help us achieve our goals of support, education and advocacy.

Your Finance Committee ▼

Trans Lifeline

Know a trans* person who might need some support? Trans Lifeline, a new SF-based transgender support line is now available: (877) 565-8860. ▼

New Trans Ally Resource From PFLAG!

More than a year in the making, and created with the help of dozens of content experts, reviewers, and storytellers, PFLAG National is proud to announce the release of the newest Straight for Equality publication: *Guide to Being a Trans Ally*. See: www.straightforequality.org/trans ▼

Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus April and June Concerts

► Mark Your Calendar ◀

- Feb. 4-8 — Creating Change Conference
- Feb. 7 — Annual PFLAG Benefit Women's Dance
- Mar. 9 — PFLAG Annual Meeting & Election
- May 13 — PFLAG Scholarship Award Ceremony
- Oct. 16-18 — National PFLAG Conference



San Jose Peninsula PFLAG 2015 Scholarships

Each year our chapter offers scholarships to high school seniors who reside in or attend high school in Santa Clara or San Mateo County. The scholarships are awarded to students of any gender identity or sexual orientation, whose history, activities, and personal plans demonstrate support for justice and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. This year we will award up to eight \$3,000 scholarships to students who will attend a two- or four-year college, university, or business/technical school in the fall of 2015. This represents a \$1000 per scholarship increase over 2014 and two additional scholarships, thanks to a generous donation from one of our members. Please encourage graduating high school seniors (LGBTQ and allies) to apply. The deadline is Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

An application, can be downloaded from our website:
www.pflagsan jose.org. ▼

The Scholarship Committee Needs You!

It's time for 2015 Scholarship Program volunteers to step up! Many small volunteer jobs support this inspirational event. You can make a huge difference with a little gift of your time!

April: application reading and winner selection (takes less than a day)

April-May: Party Planner and helpers for the **May 13 Awards Ceremony in San Jose** (arrange food, gift bags, decorations.)

Please contact our info line today to let us know how you can help: (408) 270-8182. ▼

PFLAG Scholarship Award Ceremony

Save the Date!

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
at the San Jose support meeting

PFLAG Board Meetings via Teleconference

Our PFLAG Chapter Board meets monthly via telephone conference call. We welcome new, creative ideas for helping families, getting our message out, raising money for scholarships, and just having fun together. We'd love to have you become part of the Board, attend a tele-meeting, or send us your ideas. For more information, email Ken Klucsor: kenklucsor@yahoo.com ▼

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter Annual Membership Meeting March 9

All are invited to attend our 2015 Annual Meeting! This event will take place at the beginning of the March 9 Redwood City support meeting. We will celebrate our chapter's accomplishments and elect new Board members. We need a Vice President, a Treasurer, and four more Board members. As you can see on the list below, there are a number of excellent volunteer opportunities. Our Chapter's survival depends upon You! Please contact Ken for more information: kenklucsor@yahoo.com

Agenda

- Review and Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Officers' and Committees' Reports
- Call for Nominations
- Board Elections
- New Business

Open Positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Advocacy Chair
- Support Chair
- Publicity Chair

Notes:

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

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



PFLAG Benefit Women's Dance With DJ Page Hodel February 7

The Annual Community and Peninsula Women's Group (PWG) Fundraiser Dance benefitting PFLAG will take place on Saturday, February 7, from 6:30-11:30 PM.

Twin Pines Senior & Community center
1233 Ralston Ave., Belmont 94002
(2 blocks west of El Camino)

6:30-8 PM — lower volume music from the '60s & beyond
8 PM—11:30 — the pace and volume pick up

Beverages and snacks will be available. You may bring your own dinner. Tickets will be held at the door:
\$10 per person in advance; \$15 after February 1

All women are welcome! For more information: contact Wendy or Eleanor: wene1@comcast.net · For information about PWG, go to: <http://peninsulawomensgroup.org> ▼



