



San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

April/May 2015

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San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Sponsors New Support Group for Parents, Families & Friends of Transgender Children

PFLAG has long been a leader among LGBT organizations in advocating for transgender people and supporting their families. Our San Jose/Peninsula Chapter has been contacted more and more frequently in recent years by parents of transgender children seeking support. While the parents of children with gender identity issues have always been welcome at our meetings, and supported by the members whose children had sexual orientation issues, there is recognition that the experiences are different.

Anthony Ross of Outlet and Adolescent Counseling Services came to the March Redwood City meeting to spark a discussion about how to support parents of the growing population of transgender teenagers in particular. A couple of our members who were at that meeting, and who are parents of transgender children now in college, have stepped forward to organize and lead a new support group to try to meet that need.

While still in the planning stages, the new group has already secured a location and meeting schedule. We will meet in the Redwood City Library Community Room, located at 1017 Middlefield Road, between Jefferson and Main. The meetings are either the first or second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. The inaugural meeting will be June 6, 2015. Subsequent dates are July 11, August 8, September 5, October 10, and November 14.

All parents, families and friends/allies of transgender children are welcome — please join us! For more information, email: Trans@pflagsanjose.org

Parents of Transgender Children Support Group

Save the Date!

**Inaugural Meeting:
Saturday, June 6 at 10 AM**

**Redwood City Library Community Room
1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City**

NOTE: Redwood City requires this disclaimer on publicity for events held on city premises: *The meeting space is provided as a community service by the City of Redwood City. The City neither sponsors nor endorses this event nor the presenting individual or organizations.*

Meeting Calendar

◀ APRIL/MAY ▶



Apr. 8 San Jose Support - 7:30 pm

May 13 First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Apr. 14 Redwood City Support - 7:00 pm

May 11 Sequoia Union H.S. District Offices
480 James Ave., Redwood City
(2nd Monday of the month)
▶ **On Tuesday in April!**

Apr. 16 Straight Spouse Support-7:30 pm

May 21 Call San Jose Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Apr. 16 Board Meeting Teleconference

May 21 (3rd Thursday of the month)
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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



**June/July Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, May 29**

San Jose Peninsula PFLAG Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 PM

at the San Jose support meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

San Jose, Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 pm

No program. Please join us for small group support.

Redwood City, Tuesday, April 14 — 7:00 pm

Gay Youth: Film and discussion with Pam Walton. Pam will show her entertaining and enlightening video that powerfully breaks the silence surrounding adolescent homosexuality. By contrasting the tragic death of 20-year old Bobby Griffith, a gay teen who could not find acceptance, with the remarkable life of 17-year old Gina Gutierrez, this important film shows us how information, acceptance, and support make enormous differences in the lives of GLBT young people.

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



Redwood City, Monday, May 11 — 7:00 pm

No program. Please join us for small group support.

San Jose, Wednesday, May 13 — 7:30 pm

PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night — please join us for an inspirational evening!

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 ▼

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 ▼

ACS / Outlet Spring Sounds

May 2

6:30 - 11:00 PM

Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

Master of Ceremonies: Assemblymember Rich Gordon

You are invited to Spring Sounds, celebrating 40 years of Adolescent Counseling Services. Join ACS, home of the Outlet Program, for a night of fun — and become better acquainted with the services offered to all youth on the Peninsula. Funds raised at Spring Sounds will support Outlet, as well as three other ACS programs: On-Campus Counseling, Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment, and After-School Counseling.

Special 40th Anniversary price: \$150 per ticket.

Register online today! www.SpringSoundsEvent.org ▼

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PRESENTS

CHÉR DETERMINATION

Friday, April 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Santa Clara University Recital Hall
Tickets: \$20 general/\$15 students

OUT GENERATION

Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Santa Clara University Recital Hall
Tickets: \$20 general/\$15 students

For tickets visit www.svgmc.org

▶ Mark Your Calendar ◀

May 2 — ACS/Outlet Spring Sounds

May 13 — PFLAG Scholarship Award Ceremony

June 13 — San Mateo County Pride Festival

June 18-28 — Frameline LGBT Film Festival, SF

June 27-28 — SF Pride Festival and Parade

July 10-12 — Gender Spectrum Conference

Oct. 16-18 — PFLAG National Convention



PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night May 13

A select group of talented student activists from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties will receive scholarship awards and share their stories at our PFLAG Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 PM, at our San Jose support meeting. Don't miss this wonderfully inspiring event!

Many thanks to Rosemary for leading the effort this year. Many small volunteer jobs support this inspirational event, and we need a few more volunteers. You can make a huge difference with a little gift of your time!

April-May: Party Planners and helpers are needed for the May 13 Awards Ceremony in San Jose — organize the cake, snacks and beverages, gift bags, and decorations.

Please contact our Helpline today to let Rosemary know you can help: (408) 270-8182. ▼

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter Annual Election Results

Three new Board members were elected at our Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, March 9. Many thanks to Marti, Marc and Kitty for stepping up to lead our Chapter!

We still need a Vice President, and three more Board members. We're also looking for chairpersons for Advocacy, Education, Programs, Publicity, and Support. Chairs are welcome to serve on the Board, but are not required to do so. You must be a member in good standing of San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG to serve on the Board.

Our Chapter's survival depends upon You! Contact Ken for more information: kenklucsor@yahoo.com ▼

U.S. Supreme Court Marriage Case Update

Lawyers for gay couples from four states with bans on same-sex marriage are close to resolving which of them will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court this month. Front-runners for the two spots appear to be Mary Bonauto, a prominent gay advocate who has worked for the cause for decades, and Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, a former assistant U.S. solicitor general, now an appellate specialist in private practice.

At issue before the nine justices on April 28 will be two questions: does the U.S. Constitution protect a right to same-sex marriage; and if it does not, must states that ban it recognize marriages performed in states permitting such unions. The cases concern bans in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. Currently 37 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia permit gay marriage.

Read more: www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/30/us-usa-court-gaymarriage-idUSKBN0MO2EY20150330 ▼

Pride, Parades & Festivals — Save these dates!



San Mateo County Pride Festival, Central Park — June 13
San Francisco Gay Pride Parade — June 28
San Jose Pride — TBA
Put these dates on you calendar now — and join us! ▼

PFLAG National Convention — Early Bird Registration Extended to April 30

Word is getting out for what is promising to be the best PFLAG National Convention yet! And we're so excited that we're extending our early-bird registration deadline through April 30th to give everyone who wants to attend the opportunity to register now, at the best available price.

The 2015 PFLAG National Convention will take place on October 16-18 in Nashville, Tennessee. Now's the time: don't miss this opportunity to come together to learn, share best practices, and get a first-hand look at a city and state that is representative of so many of the successes, challenges, and opportunities facing equality in the future.

Bring your own expertise to the table, and hear from others about the work they're doing to make sure equal really means EQUAL!

April 30th is right around the corner! Act fast and register now! <https://community.pflag.org/2015registration> ▼



Thank You Wendy and Eleanor!

PFLAG members Wendy and Eleanor donated \$2,000 to our PFLAG chapter from the proceeds of their February 15th Community Women's Dance. Wendy and Eleanor produce this annual dance to benefit our PFLAG Scholarship program. Many community volunteers support this major project — especially the members of the Peninsula Women's Group (PWG). Our heartfelt thanks go to Wendy and Eleanor for their continuous generosity and support of the San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter and Scholarship Program! ▼

