



San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

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**Parents, Families, Friends,
LGBTQ People and Allies,
United for Equality**

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Change is the Only Constant

Last month the San Mateo meeting moved to a new meeting space at Michaels in San Mateo. We are grateful for Michaels support, but the room did not quite meet our needs. So this month we are moving again—to what we hope is our permanent new home at:

**Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo
300 E. Santa Inez Ave., corner of Ellsworth
San Mateo, CA 94401**

A map of the new location is on the last page of this newsletter. If you are driving north on El Camino, it's best to turn right on 3rd, 2nd or Tilton Ave. because, unlike on Santa Inez, there is a traffic light that makes it easier to cross San Mateo Drive, the street between El Camino and Ellsworth. From any of those avenues, turn left on Ellsworth.

Driving north on Rt. 101, take the 3rd Ave. exit.
Driving south on 101, take the Poplar Ave exit.
From Rt. 92, go North on Rt. 82 (El Camino Real).

Find detailed map and directions at:
<http://uusanmateo.org/about-us/welcome/getting-here>
We hope to see you there!

New Database Manager

This issue is the last for our exemplary Database Manager, Susan, who has ably managed our membership database since 2002, keeping track of memberships and newsletter subscriptions, emailing the PDF newsletters, and reporting our membership information to National PFLAG. Windsor has offered to take over this position while we look into new options for both the database and the newsletter. Our heartfelt thanks to both!

PFLAG Newsletter — Future Changes

We are looking into new options for creating and sending the Newsletter. If you have ideas and/or interest — please contact a PFLAG Board member! Email: volunteer@pflagsanjose.org. ▼

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present.

Babatunde Olatunji

Meeting Calendar

◀ MARCH ▶



- Mar. 5** **Parents, Family & Friends of Transgender Children** - 10 am
1017 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City
(1st Saturday of the month)
- Mar. 9** **San Jose Support** - 7:30 pm
First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)
- Mar. 14** **San Mateo Support** - **7:00 pm**
UUs of San Mateo
300 E. Santa Inez Ave., San Mateo
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Mar. 17** **Straight Spouse Support**-7:30 pm
Call our Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)
- Mar. 17** **Board Meeting** online - 7:30 pm
(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 25**

San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

Wednesday, March 6

7:30 PM

at the San Jose Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

San Jose, Wednesday, March 9 — 7:30 pm

San Mateo, Monday, March 14 — 7:00 pm

The San Mateo meeting has a new location — see page 1!
Small group support is offered at all meetings.



**Support Group for Parents, Families
& Friends of Transgender Children**
Saturday, March 5 — 10:00 am

All parents, families, friends and allies of transgender persons are welcome — please join us! We meet in the Redwood City Library Community Room, 1017 Middlefield Road, between Jefferson and Main. Monthly meetings take place on the first Saturday of every .

For more information, email: Trans@pflagsanjose.org

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.* ▼

PFLAG Membership Update

Many thanks to all of you who renewed your membership. Our annual membership renewal period is October 1—January 31. Paying your dues on time is a great help, but you can join or renew at any time by mail, or online at: www.pflagsanjose.org.

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): 95-3750694. See *The Gift of Giving* brochure on our website for more information.

On behalf of our chapter, we thank you for your commitment to the mission of PFLAG and for all you do to help us achieve our goals of support, education, and advocacy.

Your Finance Committee ▼



▶ Mark Your Calendar ◀

Mar. 9 — Chapter Annual Membership Meeting

Apr. 2 — Transgender Day of Visibility

May 9 — PFLAG Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Check Out Our New PFLAG Facebook Page!

PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula has a new organization page at www.facebook.com/pflagsanjose. It's better suited to our chapter's needs than the old page, so we're shifting our focus there.

We post our meetings and other events on our new page. Be sure to visit the new page and "Like" it, and, if you want to stay in touch, select "Get Notifications" and/or "Follow." We are no longer posting on the old page.

All posts on the new page will be written by or vetted by a chapter leader. You can comment on posts without prior approval. If you have an announcement of interest to PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula members, please send a request by private message to the new page (see "Message" near the bottom right of the cover photo).

Meanwhile, to avoid confusion, we changed the name of the old page to "PFLAG SJP Forum." In a few months we'll reassess this "Forum" page and decide if we want to keep it, or merge it with the new page, or close it. ▼



**Join the San Jose/Peninsula
PFLAG Speaker's Bureau!**

By sharing our own personal experiences face-to-face, we aim to educate others about the issues that face lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their family members. Through the power of personal experience, we can deconstruct the stereotypes, misinformation and negative attitudes so prevalent in our society, and create a more compassionate, understanding, and unified world.

For more information about the PFLAG Speakers Bureau, please contact our Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Brian Chin at speakersbureau@pflagsanjose.org ▼

South Bay
Trans Day of Visibility

Saturday, April 2nd

1pm – 6pm: Workshops, Community Sliding Scale \$5-\$25
7pm – 10pm: Show, Sliding Scale \$20

Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center
938 The Alameda, San Jose CA 95126

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 San Jose support meeting. We will celebrate our chapter's accomplishments and elect new Board members. We need 3 more Board members. We're also looking for Publicity, Advocacy, Membership and Program Chairs. As you can see, there are a number of excellent volunteer opportunities! Please contact any Board member for more information: volunteer@pflagsanjose.org

Agenda

- Review and Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Call for Nominations
- Board Elections
- New Business

Board Elections

Open Positions:

- Board Members (1-year and 3-year terms)
- Advocacy Chair, Membership Chair, Program Chair, Publicity Chair

Notes:

Advocacy, Membership, Program 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. ▼

Queer Our Taxes Guide: New Resource

The National LGBTQ Task Force has issued the *Queer Our Taxes Taxpayer Guide*. The Guide has the tools you need to advocate for yourself and access tax credits and deductions, and to help you understand what questions to ask when you're sitting in front of your tax preparer (or program). www.thetaskforce.org/queer-our-taxes-2016/ ▼

Supporting the LGBT Community - A Federal Budget Priority

President Obama's 2017 proposed budget to Congress includes as a priority issue "Supporting the LGBT Community." The budget supports and expands opportunity for the LGBT community, including identifying priority issues such as healthcare and health disparities, primary and preventive care, civil rights enforcement and hate crimes prevention, discrimination protection in the workplace, HIV/AIDS care and prevention, supportive housing, state-paid leave, prevention and treatment for prescription drug abuse and heroin use, and several items to ensure high-quality and affordable college education. ▼

The Scholarship Committee Needs You!

Wanted! — Someone to coordinate the refreshments (using a local caterer) for the 2016 Scholarship Awards Ceremony in San Mateo on Monday, May 9th. A fun and easy job!

Please contact Rosemary, Scholarship Chair, at: volunteer@pflagsanjose.org to volunteer! ▼

New Trans Youth Online Support Group Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

The GLBT National Help Center, is excited to announce a new transgender youth program: the Trans Teens Online Talk Group. The new support group is available at www.GLBThotline.org/transteens. It's a live, moderated group chat for trans youth ages 12 thru 19, operating each Wednesday from 4-6 pm Pacific time.

This new program is designed to be a safe place that will allow trans youth to talk freely about concerns and issues, with others their own age, providing support for one another, and helping each other know they are not alone. Please spread the word! ▼

Honoring Bayard Rustin



Your help is needed to honor one of the most significant and yet unsung heroes of the civil rights movement. Bayard Rustin was the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, an openly gay man, and an LGBTQ activist.

In 2013, Rustin was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Obama said, "For decades, this great leader, often at Dr. King's side, was denied his rightful place in history because he was openly gay."

Now we have a chance to give Rustin and his legacy well-deserved public recognition, with a US postage stamp. Please take a few minutes to visit the campaign page where you'll find a sample letter to send to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recommend a stamp in honor of Bayard Rustin.

The National LGBTQ Task Force launched this campaign partnering with the International Court System — the same partnership that led to the release of the Harvey Milk postage stamp. Now it's time to honor another true LGBTQ hero, and make history again with a Bayard Rustin stamp. Take action now: www.thetaskforce.org/bayard-rustin-honoring-unsung-lgbtq-hero/ ▼

**All progress has resulted from people
who took unpopular positions.**

Adlai E. Stevenson

