



San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

June/July 2016

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

www.pflagsanjose.org

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Newsletter Changes!

After many discussions, the Newsletter Future task force met in May to finalize our plans. We believe that we now have a good plan. Here are the details:

Beginning in August, we will move to an e-newsletter format. A monthly PFLAG Newsletter email will replace the current pdf and paper newsletter and will be sent to current members/subscribers with an email address in our database. It will mainly focus on announcements of our meetings and information about PFLAG-related activities and issues.

The paper mailing will be eliminated, with a few exceptions for those without computer access. If you currently receive a paper copy, you'll be contacted before the end of July.

Kitty will be the new Editor!

The newsletter will no longer be tied to membership. Payments for gift and newsletter-only subscriptions are eliminated. The Membership application (see page 4) has been revised to reflect this change. Anyone currently receiving the newsletter will continue to receive the monthly PFLAG Newsletter emails.

Anyone will be able to subscribe at a meeting or via our website. You will have the option to unsubscribe.

An Annual Scholarship Awards Report (pdf and paper), similar to this issue of the newsletter, will include the award winner photos and bios, and kudos to our donors and volunteers.

There will certainly be more details to be worked out as the new format is implemented. The monthly schedule will be a big improvement!

While I may contribute a short article or quotation from time to time, I am looking forward to my retirement from the newsletter – with confidence that all is in excellent hands.

Many, many thanks to Kitty – and to Windsor for distribution and figuring out the technical details!

Your Retiring Newsletter Editor,
Carol

Newsletter Email Alert!

Starting with the August issue, we'll email newsletters to you from our new email account: news@pflagsanjose.org.

We will not use the old sjp.pflag.pdf@hotmail.com account anymore.

Meeting Calendar

◀ JUNE/JULY ▶



- Jun. 4** **Parents, Family & Friends of Transgender Children** - 10 am
July 2 1017 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City
(1st Saturday of the month)
- Jun. 8** **San Jose Support** - **7:30 pm**
July 13 First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)
- Jun. 13** **San Mateo Support** - **7:00 pm**
July 11 UUs of San Mateo
300 E. Santa Inez Ave., San Mateo
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Jun. 16** **Straight Spouse Support**-7:30 pm
July 21 Call our Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)
- Jun. 16** **Board Meeting** online - 7:30 pm
July 21 (3rd Thursday of the month)
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



August Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, July 25

We recommend that you add the new address, news@pflagsanjose.org, to your email contact list now, or otherwise "whitelist" it, to ensure that the Newsletter arrives properly in your inbox and does not get filtered out as spam.

If you've been receiving the paper copy and want to add your email address to our member database, email news@pflagsanjose.org – Don't miss out on the latest news!

We never share your email address with anyone!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFLAG Support Meetings

San Jose, Wednesday, June 8 — 7:30 pm
San Mateo, Monday, June 13 — 7:00 pm

San Mateo, Monday, July 11 — 7:00 pm
San Jose, Wednesday, July 13 — 7:30 pm

Small group support is offered at all meetings.



**Support Group for Parents, Families
& Friends of Transgender Children**
Saturdays, June 4 & July 2 — 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. Meetings take place on the first Saturday of every month.

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.* ▼



Support our Chapter with AmazonSmile!

Our San Jose-Peninsula PFLAG chapter is now registered with the AmazonSmile program. If you access Amazon through the link below and designate **PFLAG San Jose-Peninsula** as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our PFLAG chapter!

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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 ▼



Pride and Parades! SF • San Jose • San Mateo County

San Francisco Pride Parade — June 26

March or ride in our colorful cable car with PFLAG! The 46th Annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade kicks off at 10:30 am on Market Street near Beale. This year's theme is "For Racial and Economic Justice."

As always, PFLAG will be joining in the festivities. To make it all happen we need the help of volunteers who can act as Contingent Monitors, walking with us in the Parade as chaperones. A donation will be requested of those who ride the cable car.

PFLAG-SF is coordinating the volunteers. If you can help out, please email pflagsf@pflagsf.org. To be a monitor you must attend one of the mandatory training sessions, which will be held at various times and locations, including some in the South Bay. The Monitor training schedule will be posted soon on the San Francisco Pride website: www.sfpide.org.

San Jose Pride Parade & Festival — August 28

March with PFLAG! We also need volunteers to staff the booth! Contact volunteer@pflagsanjose.org!

San Mateo County Pride Festival — June 4

Stop by the PFLAG booth! More information on page 5. ▼

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 ▼

**Go confidently in the direction of
your dreams. Live the life you've
imagined.**

Henry David Thoreau

San Mateo County Pride Festival

Saturday June 4, 11 am — 5 pm

Central Park, 50 E. 5th Avenue
(corner of El Camino Real), San Mateo 94401

“Pride Without Borders”

► Stop by the PFLAG table!

2016 SAN MATEO COUNTY LGBTQ Pride Celebration



JUNE 4, 2016 • 11:00AM TO 5:00PM
SAN MATEO CENTRAL PARK

Resource Booths • Food Trucks • Vendors • Queer Fashion Show
Hip Hop, Alternative Rock, Blue Grass, Rap, and Folk Music • Family-Friendly Activities



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Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church • David Richardson and Dan Neumann • Peninsula Metropolitan Community Church • PFLAG
Second Harvest Food Bank/CalFresh • The Bohannon Foundation • Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo

