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

Jun. 4 Parents, Family & Friends of Transgender Children - 10 am
1017 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City
(1st Saturday of the month)

Jun. 8 San Jose Support - 7:30 pm
First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Jun. 13 San Mateo Support - 7:00 pm
UU's of San Mateo
300 E. Santa Inez Ave., San Mateo
(2nd Monday of the month)

Jun. 16 Straight Spouse Support-7:30 pm
Call our Helpline for info.
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Jun. 21 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

August Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, July 25
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!

Click on https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0254991 to support PFLAG San Jose-Peninsula when you shop at Amazon!

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!

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.sfpride.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!

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
Would you like to volunteer?
Call the information lines.
We need your help — Call today!

PFLAG’S MISSION
We provide love and support for all family members and friends. We work to create an environment of understanding so that our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender loved ones can live with dignity and respect. These are our goals:

SUPPORT • EDUCATION • ADVOCACY

WHAT IS PFLAG?
PFLAG is a national support, education and advocacy organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people, their families, friends and allies. With over 200,000 members and supporters, and local affiliates in more than 500 communities across the U.S. and abroad, PFLAG is the largest grassroots-based family organization of its kind. PFLAG is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions.

Your financial support makes PFLAG’s work possible. As a chapter member you can also become engaged in the vital work of providing support, education and advocacy in your community. Even if you’re not sure that you need PFLAG, remember that PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

MEETINGS
San Mateo Meetings are 7:00—9:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month
San Jose Meetings are 7:30—9:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Parents, Family & Friends of Transgender Children meet at 10:00 am on the 1st Saturday of each month

MEMBERSHIP IN SAN JOSE / PENINSULA PFLAG
Send in this coupon to join, renew, or change your address!

O New          Date ____________ O Individual Membership $30 $ ______
O Renew        O I want to volunteer!
O Change Address O Household Membership $40 $ ______
O                     O Benefactor $50 $ ______
O                     O Angel $100 and up $ ______
O                     O Diva $1,000 and up $ ______
O                     O Donation for Scholarships $ ______

TOTAL: $ ______

Make checks payable and mail to: PFLAG • PO Box 2718, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Your donations & membership are tax deductible.