



About PFLAG Dayton

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month
Social time -- 7:00 p.m.
Meeting and support -- 7:30 p.m.

Location: Cross Creek Community Church
667 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Each meeting offers both a program and a support group. PFLAG maintains a policy of confidentiality. We strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for all who attend.

Calendar

May

10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Attorney David Morse with an update on legal issues. (Rescheduled from snowed out January)

18 Equality Ohio Lobby Day in Columbus. To register, go to contactus@equalityohio.org or call 614-224-0400. **Registration Deadline: May 5**

21 Spring Community Dinner. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Ave. 5:30: social hour; 6:30: dinner. Entrees and beverages provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

June: PRIDE MONTH.

4 Parade and Fest. See Page 2 for exciting news and further details.

5 PRIDE Family Picnic. 2:00-6:00. Ernst Park, 1030 E David, Kettering.

14 PFLAG Dayton Scholarship Banquet. See page 2 for details.

16 PRIDE Night at the Neon. See page 2.

18 Columbus Pride Parade. Join Columbus PFLAG and march with PFLAGers from around the state. Watch for an email with details.

25 PRIDE Dinner and Expo. See page 2 for details and how to purchase tickets.

Planning Ahead -- August

9 PFLAG Dayton Family Picnic. 6:30 at Cross Creek Community Church. Save the date.

Paragraphs from the Prez . . .

June is **PRIDE MONTH**. It is PRIDE Month in Dayton; it is PRIDE Month all across the United States; and it is PRIDE Month in many countries around the world. June was chosen for PRIDE in honor of the Stonewall riots in Manhattan that began in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

The last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day,” but eventually the “day” grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include parades, picnics, parties, banquets, workshops, and concerts. Many of those components will take place here in Dayton throughout the month of June.

The meaning of PRIDE has evolved and expanded over the decades. In many cities, memorials are held for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS.

Originally, PRIDE was the occasion for LGBT people to defiantly acknowledge their humanity amid the harsh reality of society’s condemnation. Then the purpose expanded to include a recognition of the impact that LGBT individuals have had on history. The list of prominent LGBT people throughout time and across geography encompasses all fields of human accomplishment.

Modifications to PRIDE didn’t stop there. Just as in the PFLAG mission statement, PRIDE events now include a call to both LGBT people and their allies to **educate** the public about who we are and what issues are important to us and to **advocate** for change both in attitudes and law. To learn more about how you can participate in PRIDE in Dayton, check out all the articles on page 2.

Another June celebration, not a part of PRIDE but related to it, is the PFLAG Dayton Scholarship Banquet. We will gather to announce, hear from, and congratulate the 2011 recipients of our scholarships plus the LGBT Center scholarship we are administering this year. Another article on page 2 explains how you can reserve your place at this special occasion.

Express your PRIDE with Dayton PFLAG this June!

Nancy Tepfer, President
PFLAG Dayton



***When you no longer need PFLAG Dayton,
PFLAG Dayton needs you!***

June -- A Month of **PRIDE** and Celebration

Dayton PFLAG to be Parade Grand Marshals

In the last newsletter, it was announced that PFLAG would get to march behind the Grand Marshal, a pretty special honor.

News Flash! That was just a teaser. PFLAG Dayton, as an organization, will be the Grand Marshals for the 2011 Dayton PRIDE parade. What an exciting opportunity to spotlight who we are and what we do!



The Parade will take place on Saturday, June 4th. Marchers will gather at Cooper Park, next to the

library, at 11:30 a.m. with step off at 12:00 noon. Riding in the Grand Marshal car will be a proud PFLAG family, Kevin and Mary Kirkendall with daughters Lillie and Elizabeth Gillespie.

We want a giant PFLAG contingent! We invite everyone who supports PFLAG to join us. We hope all PFLAG members will be there, but you need not be a member to participate. Everyone who receives this newsletter is invited to march, and we hope you will invite your family members, neighbors, friends, and everyone who is a PFLAG fan to join you.

There will be signs to carry if you wish. You may personalize your sign or promote PFLAG with messages like **SUPPORT**, **EDUCATION**, **ADVOCACY**, or **SAFE SCHOOLS**. The parade will be followed by a Fest at Courthouse Square.

PRIDE Night at the Neon

The film *We Were Here* will screen at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th, at the Neon as the PRIDE movie selection for 2011. This is the first documentary to take a deep and reflective look back at the arrival and impact of AIDS in San Francisco. It explores how the city's inhabitants were affected by, and how they responded to, that calamitous epidemic. Though a San Francisco-based story, *We Were Here* extends beyond that city and beyond AIDS itself.

Tickets are \$8 each and are available at the Neon box office. Neon manager, Jonathon McNeal, is putting together a panel discussion to follow the film.

Join PFLAG for the PRIDE Dinner

The PRIDE Dinner will be held this year on Saturday, June 25th at 7:00 in the Ponitz Center, Sinclair Community College. Preceding the dinner at 5:00 will be the PRIDE Expo, with displays of LGBT-friendly organizations and businesses plus hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

The program following the dinner will be a mix of information and entertainment. The keynote speaker will be Lt. Wendy Stiver from the Dayton Police Department. Then, The zany, frequently bawdy, Susan Westenhoefter will perform her hilarious comedy act. She has appeared at Pride in Dayton previously and is always a welcome addition. She was the first openly gay comic to host her own HBO Comedy Special in 1994.



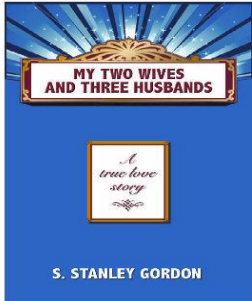
Suzanne Westenhoefter

To sit with PFLAG Dayton at the dinner, you can purchase your tickets from us at the early bird price of \$40.00 each. PFLAG has 20 seats that are going quickly. Email Nancy Tepfer at dtepfer@ameritech.net to reserve PRIDE dinner tickets with PFLAG.

Celebrate with PFLAG at the Scholarship Awards Banquet

Another festive June celebration is the banquet where we introduce the scholarship winners for 2011. We will meet and hear from the PFLAG LGBT recipient, the PFLAG straight ally recipient, and the winner of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center scholarship. The PFLAG scholarships are for \$2000, and the Center scholarship is for \$1000.

There is no cost to attend the banquet, but we do need a count for the caterer. To reserve your space, email your name and the total number of people in your party to daytonpflag@yahoo.com. See you at the banquet!



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Special Honor for Safe Schools Rainbow Reading Program

PFLAG Dayton has had a strong Safe Schools Program for many years, and the program has grown and changed to meet new needs and to incorporate new methods. The latest addition is our Rainbow Reading Program, kicked off in fall, 2009.

PFLAG, through Rainbow Reading, provides LGBT positive books to libraries, teachers and counselors in area schools so that book collections reflect *all* students and families. Donated books are age appropriate for students, grades K-12. Teachers are taught how to incorporate the titles into curriculum as well as how to create a safe space for LGBT youth and families. Occasionally books will “disappear,” and it is hoped they find a new home with students who really need them. These books are always replaced by PFLAG Dayton. Currently emphasis is on placing books grades Pre-K-5. This is especially important with the increase of same-sex households with children. It is vital to teach young children courtesy to and respect for all people and families.

PFLAG Safe Schools chairperson Kim Peters has been assisted in developing and implementing the Rainbow Reading Program by Elaine Fultz, librarian at Magsig Middle School, Centerville.

Exciting News!

Recently Elaine and Kim proposed the PFLAG Dayton Rainbow Reading Program as a potential workshop in the Grassroots Program Track for the June 2011 American Library Association (ALA) meeting in New Orleans. They were selected!

The annual ALA meeting attracts 25,000+ attendees -- librarians who work in a variety of settings including community and school libraries. The keynote speaker for the meeting will be Dan Savage, of “It’s Gets Better” fame, so LGBT issues will be front and center throughout the meeting. Additionally, the first and most enduring award for LGBT books is the Stonewall Book Awards, sponsored by the ALA’s LGBT Round Table. There will be an opportunity to interact with all of this year’s Stonewall winners. This adds to the honor of having our Rainbow Reading Program selected as one of the workshops offered.

Elaine will receive a small financial award for having the

Rainbow Reading proposal selected, but it will not cover her registration, travel and hotel costs. PFLAG Dayton plans to help with her remaining expenses plus all of Kim’s. If you would like to help us send Kim and Elaine to New Orleans, you may send a donation to PFLAG Dayton, P.O. Box 3721, Dayton, OH 45401-3721. In the subject line on your check, please write ALA Rainbow Reading. Thank you.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑ White House Meeting on Transgender Issues

The first White House meeting to focus solely on transgender concerns took place Friday, April 29th. The White House Office of Public Engagement held the meeting, and attending were transgender leaders who focus on federal policy.



Beating of Transgender Woman

A transgender woman was beaten in a McDonald’s restroom in Baltimore, MD on April 18th. The attack was filmed and appeared on various internet sites. While a couple people tried to intervene, others, including McDonald’s employees, stood by and cheered the attackers. A support rally with hundreds of attendees was held on April 25th at the same McDonald’s.



Gay Candidate Wins in Japan

Openly gay candidate Taiga Ishikawa won a seat in the Toshima Ward Assembly in Tokyo, a first in all of Japan. “I hope this news will give a hope to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people who still feel isolated from the society,” he said.



J. Crew Ad Causes Uproar

The ad pictures a loving mother painting her smiling little boy’s toenails pink. Anti-gay activists have responded with a hateful outcry predicting dire consequences for the boy’s sexuality.



Federal ENDA Bill Reintroduced

In March, Barney Frank again introduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senate followed with its own ENDA bill. Although it is unlikely to pass in this House, pro-LGBT legislators want to make sure the members of Congress remain aware of this issue.

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PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT:

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- **ADVOCACY:** to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.
- **EDUCATION:** to enlighten an ill-informed public.
- **SUPPORT:** to cope with an adverse society.

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