



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

September

10 LGBT Center Community Dinner.

5:30: Social hour. 6:30: Dinner. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Ave. Annual lasagna dinner. Free to LGBT community, family and friends. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

13 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: New Dayton GLSEN group. See page 2.

October

1 “When the Stars Come Out,” the 5th annual fundraiser for PFLAG Dayton scholarships. 7:00, Dayton Women’s Club. For exciting details, see page 2.

11 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Tentative program: Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach. See article on page 2.

November

3-6 2011 PFLAG National Convention. “Bringing the Message Home” in Washington, DC. Check it out at www.pflag.org.

8 PFLAG Monthly Meeting. 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: TBD

19 LGBT Center Community Dinner. 5:30: Social hour. 6:30: Dinner. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 101 Huffman Ave. Annual Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Paragraphs from the Prez . . .

Wow, this year passed quickly. Last October (it only seems like a couple months ago), I began my current term as PFLAG Dayton president. I am sure it sped by because it was a busy year for PFLAG, and therefore a busy year for me and everyone who does PFLAG work. I loved being PFLAG President and enjoyed every minute, even the challenging ones.

We did mostly the usual PFLAG things. We met monthly and learned from interesting programs. We offered support in meetings, on the phone and by email (to more people this year). Our Speakers Bureau and Safe Schools team did numerous presentations, and we hosted the fun and profitable “*When the Stars Come Out,*” the event that helped fund the three scholarships we awarded this year.

Our exciting new endeavor was the Rainbow Reading program which places LGBT-positive books in school classrooms and libraries. The icing on the Rainbow Reading cake was the opportunity for Kim Peters, our Safe Schools Chair, and Elaine Fultz, a local librarian Kim works with, to introduce the Rainbow Reading program nationally at the American Library Association convention in New Orleans in June.

Please join me in a big thank you to the board members and committee chairs who worked hard to made this year so successful – Lynn Sellers, President-Elect; Teresa Blodgett, Secretary; Judy Dryer, Treasurer; Jan Couchman, Past President & chair for “*Stars*”; Dan Tepfer, Membership; Kim Peters, Safe Schools; Mary Kirkendall, Programs; Jan Runkle, Scholarships; Fred Moore, Speakers Bureau; Gene Evans, Support; Jill Tegtmeier, Youth First Liaison, and Margo Chadwick, Hospitality.

As this year ends, I would like to take a bit of space to reflect on where PFLAG is and where it might be going. While we have more newcomers attending, many come just a time or two. That is a good news/bad news scenario. Good because people arrive in much less turmoil than in years past. They receive affirmation and get their questions answered then they move on. Bad news because PFLAG can always use additional help with supporting our newcomers and doing all the important PFLAG work.

Support will be a component of PFLAG as long as people need it, but PFLAG chapters, ours included, are becoming more and more involved with education and advocacy. Support is for individuals and families; education and advocacy help change our community, our state, our country, and even the world. Consider joining us in this important work.

Lynn Sellers will begin her term as PFLAG Dayton president on October 1st. She too has a talented, dedicated board, many of whom are returning from this year. I will introduce them in the next newsletter. I can’t wait to see how PFLAG Dayton will flourish with new leadership and new ideas. Stay tuned!

Nancy Tepfer, President
PFLAG Dayton



New GLSEN Group September PFLAG Program

A chapter of GLSEN (Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network) has formed in Dayton. Learn their exciting plans for the Dayton area at the September PFLAG meeting on the 13th.

Lt. Col. Fehrenbach October Meeting Speaker

One of the most significant individuals in the fight to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) was Air Force Lt. Colonel Victor Fehrenbach, a combat fighter pilot. He has a fascinating story to tell, and he will share his experiences at the October PFLAG meeting at Cross Creek Community Church on the 11th. As always, social time will begin at 7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:30.



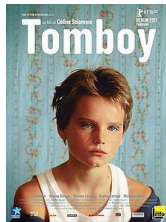
Col. Fehrenbach, a Dayton native and member of a military family, was just eighteen months from retirement when he was outed by a third party. Although he had not previously been asked nor had he told, separation proceedings were initiated against him. He will tell us the story of his

personal battle amid the bigger story of DADT repeal. He appeared on various TV news shows during that period and was a regular on the Rachel Maddow Show when the topic was DADT.

PFLAG Dayton Sponsor of Saturday Film at Downtown Dayton LGBT Film Festival

The 6th Annual Downtown Dayton LGBT Film Festival is set for September 23-25 at the Neon. The festival will include seven screenings of a variety of offerings -- full length feature films, documentaries and shorts.

At 7:30 on Saturday, the Centerpiece Film, **Tomboy**, will be sponsored by PFLAG. This film, an exploration of gender, has won numerous awards at film festivals in the United States and around the world.



Festival passes go on sale September 1st at the Neon. \$50 gets you all seven screenings plus the opening night party at Sidebar. Tickets for individual showings will also be available.

Looking Forward to The Best Ever

“When the Stars Come Out!”

October 1, 2011 marks the date for the 5th annual “When the Stars Come Out!” dance competition. Add it to your calendars now; you won't want to miss it. This is the dance competition with **PIZAZZ!**

You will see comedy routines such as last year's Allen, William, Tim and Fred, who did a hilarious version of a western line dance. You will see couples like Bernie and Brian O’Koon who are devoted students of ballroom dance. You will see talented individuals such as Gale Stephenson who sang for the **Dayton's Got Talent** portion of the evening. Regardless of whether your favorite is comedic or serious dancing, you will definitely be entertained.



Allen, William, Tim & Fred



Gale Stephenson



Bernie & Brian O’Koon

Several dance couples will be returning for your enjoyment -- Brian and Bernie O’Koon, Jillian and Lily Tegtmeyer, and Brad and Gale Stephenson. Joining them this year are newcomers Tyisha Short, Llana Combs, Robin Hughes, Jawshawa Reece, Lauren Morgan, and Hannah Wilson.

Dancers have been practicing their moves for several weeks now to put on a fabulous show. As part of the audience you can help choose the winners. Admission for the event is still a \$25 donation which includes 5 votes for one couple. If you really want to “stuff the ballot box” for your favorites, you can purchase additional votes that evening.

Please plan to join us at 7:30 at the Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N. Ludlow St., in downtown Dayton. At this entertaining event, you will have a wonderful time, help a good cause and meet some amazing individuals. “When the Stars Come Out!” is a fundraiser for PFLAG Dayton's scholarship program and The Greater Dayton LGBT Center's programming.

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Then, locally, your membership helps PFLAG Dayton do good work on our home turf. We offer both support and quality programs at our meetings. We provide booklets and brochures at meetings and public events. We award scholarships to LGBT students and straight allies. We educate school personnel, civic groups, university classes, and religious institutions through our Speakers' Bureau and Safe Schools team.

Such a deal! Please use the form on page 4 to renew your current membership or to become a new PFLAG member.



Looking Ahead to December



Cross Creek Community Church, where PFLAG meets, sponsors a monthly food pantry. Because such pantries can purchase only foodstuffs from their suppliers, their patrons are not provided with household supplies or grooming products, often among the most expensive items on a grocery list.

Each December the PFLAG meeting is a holiday party. This December, as an additional thank you to Cross Creek for providing our meeting site, we invite you to bring any of the following items for the Cross Creek food pantry – **bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, cotton swabs, box of tissues.** Bring more than one if you are able. Most are available at “dollar stores.”

Cross Creek members occasionally provide these items, and the recipients are very grateful to get the “extras.” As we enjoy our holiday party, we can also help families who need a bit of assistance.

↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

↑ Indian Tribe OKs Marriage Equality

The Suquamish tribal council in Washington state recently voted unanimously to approve same sex marriage even though Washington state does not. Reservations operate as federally recognized sovereign nations, so a marriage conducted in the Suquamish Tribe is just as recognized as one conducted in New York state. The Coquille Indian Tribe in Oregon, the only other tribe to approve same sex marriage, passed their equality ordinance in 2009.

↓ Lesbian Bride's Gown Order Cancelled

Alix Genter won't get to wear the wedding dress she ordered for her wedding ceremony with her partner. The manager at Here Comes the Bride in Somers Point, N.J, cancelled the order upon learning Genter would be marrying another woman. She left a voicemail telling the bride that her planned wedding was both wrong and illegal.

↑ Administration to Oppose DOMA

In July, the Obama administration announced that it will support a congressional effort to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the federal law defining marriage as a legal union between a man and woman. The administration will back the proposed bill to remove the law from the books.

↓ LGBT Hate Crimes on the Rise

Hate crimes, including robbery, beatings, and murders, increased by 13 percent from 2009 to 2010. The LGBT community mourned 27 murders, the second-highest total amongst groups in the United States.

↑ US Won't Contest Joint Bankruptcies

Gene Balas and Carlos Morales were married during the short span when same-sex marriage was legal in California. After bouts of serious illness and unemployment, the couple were forced to file for bankruptcy. Because their marriage was not recognized federally, they could not file jointly, causing financial implications. They took their case to court and won, but feared an appeal from the federal government. While ready to take their case to the Supreme Court, Gene and Carlos received the good news that the government would not contest joint bankruptcy filings of legally married same sex couples.

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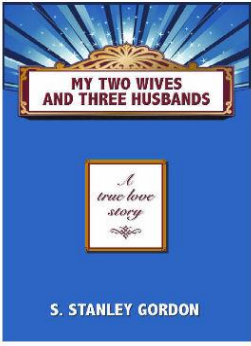
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- **ADVOCACY:** to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.
- **EDUCATION:** to enlighten an ill-informed public.
- **SUPPORT:** to cope with an adverse society.

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