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PFLAG^{of} Door County

5-6:30PM THE 3RD SUNDAY AT HOPE CHURCH, STURGEON BAY



Advocacy,
education and
support for gay,
lesbian, bisexual
and transgender
people, their
families and
friends.

Sad to report that
Brian Harris died this
month. Thinking of
his wife and
daughter.

My name is John Contratto. I am the new president of Door County PFLAG. I worked closely with Richard Gardiner, the past president, for two years as vice president. I am a gay man who spent most of his life struggling to come to an acceptance of his sexual orientation. Because of this, one of my main goals as president is to do what I can to help young people with self acceptance. I am also very concerned about the recent violent gay bashings heard in the news over the last couple of years. I hope to get a chance soon to meet everyone who is a part of Door County PFLAG.

John Contratto

We have a new email address!
pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com

PFLAG activities are supported by donations and volunteers.
PFLAG is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.



PFLAG Door
County Parents,
Family, and Friends of
Lesbians and Gays



November 2014

Dear Friends,

PFLAG Door County greatly appreciates your support, and we appeal to you, once again, during our third community-wide financial campaign.

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Door County formed 17 years ago from the depths of the crushing emotional pain and apparent solitude of a local gay man contemplating suicide. And when he realized he was not alone, the organization was born.

He was not the only gay person who thought he was alone and who contemplated suicide. A 1998 report in Pediatric revealed a startling statistic: gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender you have about a three times higher rate of attempted suicide than the general population of youth. Studies also suggest that the coming-out experience of half of GLBT teens was very negative and fully one quarter of them were abandoned by their families and turned out of their homes.

PFLAG's mission: Promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families, and their friends through

Support – to cope with an adverse society,

Education – to enlighten an ill-informed public, and

Advocacy – to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides opportunities to discuss sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

But we cannot perform our mission without your support! With your help, this year's contributions will go to support the recent development of high school gay straight alliance activities and the presentation of Gen Silent at the Door County Senior Resource Center. Our on-going needs include the maintenance of a 24/7 phone line providing support and resources to callers as well as up-to-date educational resources to local schools and to libraries.

PFLAG is not affiliated with any ethnic, religious, or political group, and, as a 501(c)(3) organization, all contributions are tax deductible.

On behalf of PFLAG Door County, we ask you to please be our partner in supporting the GLBT community and their friends and family members in Door County. We appreciate your generosity and thank you in advance for your contribution.

John Contratto

Sandy Brown

Beth Mitchell

President

Treasurer

Secretary

PFLAG Door County, PO Box 213, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, (920) 743-8146,
www.pflagdoorcounty.org

Lesbian / Bi Women Travel Survey, Make the World Safer for LGBT Travel

Do you know CMI's Annual LGBT Travel Survey is the longest running survey in the LGBT Community? Do you know it has opened doors and minds around the world and help make the travel industry more lesbian/bisexual women welcoming? It gets better but there are still more need to be done! If you've gone on an outdoor or urban excursion lately, taken a vacation with your family or a romantic trip with that special someone, please share your experiences and memories! This fun survey should only take about 10-12 minutes to complete.

Everyone who completes the survey by November 17, 2014 may enter into a drawing to win one of five US \$100 cash prizes.

We respect your privacy! Your answers are completely confidential, and will never be used for any direct marketing or solicitation purpose.

Click [HERE](#) to start the survey. Or copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<http://survey.communitymarketinginc.com/se.ashx?s=359D342B4407F987&CMID=CMI>

We appreciate your time and contribution in completing this survey. And be sure to forward the link www.LGBTsurvey.com to your friends, and post it to Facebook and Twitter! We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Thank you!

David Paisley, Senior Research Director

IMPORTANT DATES IN DEC.

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 1 in 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus
- 1 Matthew Shepard's birthday, 1976-1998
- 11 PFLAG Northern Door meeting, 6 pm on 2nd Thurs. at the UUFDC in Ephraim
- 16 Hanukkah
- 21 PFLAG Sturgeon Bay meeting, 5 pm on 3rd Sun. at Hope Church
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa

STAY CONNECTED

To stay updated on the latest news and actions from PFLAG National, be sure to:

Stay current with PFLAG National by visiting www.pflag.org.

Keep in touch with PFLAG National on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pflag.

Follow PFLAG National on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/PFLAG>.

Check out recent posts on our PFLAG National blog at <http://blog.pflag.org/>.

Watch PFLAG National on our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/pflagnational>.

Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

Appleton

PFLAG of Appleton

PFLAG of Appleton meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Appleton Harmony Café, 233 College Avenue at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please email: pflagappleton@gmail.com.

Valued Families

(Support Group for LGBTQ parents with children)

Note: this group disbanded in late 2010. If anyone would like more information about this group or similar groups in the area, please call Jesse Heffernan, 920-734-CAFÉ (2233).

Spectrum

(LGBTQ and allied social group 18 years and up) Spectrum meets Mondays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Harmony Café-Fox Valley, 233 East College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911, 920 734-2233.

[See also under Green Bay below]

GBLT Partnership

(Offers leadership development and support for teens ages 14-18)

GBLT Partnership meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Harmony Café-Fox Valley, 233 College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911. Tel. 920-734-2233.

[See also under Green Bay below]

Door County

PFLAG Door County

PFLAG Door County meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Hope UCC Church, 12th and Michigan, Sturgeon Bay. For more information: www.pflagdoorcounty.org or pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com 920-421-8815

PFLAG Northern Door

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship located between Ephraim and Sister Bay, just south of the Shops of the Green Gables.

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Green Bay

Conversation Cafe

The following happens at the Harmony Café (West Mason Street (next to Toys R Us)): Conversation Café takes place every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., hosted by Cricket. For a complete list of the services provided by the Harmony Café, click on the following link: www.harmonycafe.org

The Green Bay Transgender Group

(The Green Bay Transgender group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Harmony Café.

LaCrosse

PFLAG LaCrosse

PFLAG LaCrosse meets every Tuesday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Resource Center of the 7 Rivers Region. www.7riverslgbt.org

Spectrum

(LGBTQ and allied social group 18 years and up) Spectrum meets Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Harmony Café, Green Bay, 1660 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Tel. 920-569-1593. [See also under Appleton above.]

Manitowoc

PFLAG Manitowoc County

PFLAG Manitowoc County meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. James Church, 434 N. 8th St. pflagmanty@gmail.com 920-629-3771

GLBT Partnership

GLBT Partnership (Offers leadership development and support for teens ages 14-18)

GLBT Partnership meets weekly on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Harmony Café-Green Bay, 1660 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Tel. 920-569-1593.

[See also under Appleton above.]

Adult-Gay/Straight Alliance of Green Bay

A-GSA, Adult Gay/Straight Alliance of Green Bay, is a new advocacy group located in Green Bay for families and friends of persons who identify as GLBT.

A-GSA provides opportunities for dialogue about topics related to sexual orientation. All sessions are respectful, nonjudgmental, and strictly confidential. A-GSA charges no fees. All are welcome.

Meetings are 6:30-8:00 pm, second Tuesday of the month (September through May)

"The English Room" at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ

716 S. Madison St. Green Bay, WI 54301

Contacts: Michele Becker, 920-432-1283 or John

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Madison PFLAG Madison Straight Spouse Group

PFLAG Madison meets the 3rd Sunday every month except June, July and August, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Straight Spouse Group meets at 4:00 p.m., immediately following the PFLAG Group meeting. See www.pflag-madison.org for directions and agenda topics.

Point PFLAG Point

PFLAG Point meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No permanent meeting place has been determined. Link on the following for more information: www.pflagpoint.com or phone 715-572-6922.

Sheboygan PFLAG Sheboygan

Meeting the first Tuesdays 7-8,
823 Union Ave.
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Contact information:
PFLAGSheboygan@live.com
(920) 2540-1834

Milwaukee PFLAG Milwaukee

PFLAG Milwaukee meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther Church in Milwaukee. See the following for more information:
www.milwaukee-pflag.org.

Washburn PFLAG Washburn

PFLAG Washburn meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. on the lower level of the Washburn Public Library, 307 Washington Avenue, Washburn. For further information, please call 715-209-1100.

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