1 5 S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 3

# PFLAGDoor 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.

# Recognizing Same-Sex Couples

"Shall Not Be Recognized" Jeff Pearcy, Milwaukee photographer, will share the 2007 project he did with Will Fellows, author. Together they created a 72 page hardcover book, Shall Not Be Recognized – portraits of same-sex couples, containing interviews and photographs of 30 long-term couples. The photo exhibit has been on display in numerous galleries since its creation.

This is what Jeff says about their work:

"I became deeply angry when the amendment to Wisconsin's Constitution Was approved. My wife, Jerilyn, and I had given money to the effort to defeat the amendment, and she was also an active door-to-door canvasser on the issue. We considered getting a divorce as an act of civil disobedience, thinking that rights denied to some should not be enjoyed by any.

Instead, I returned to my photojournalist roots. I have long known the power of pictures and words to precipitate change. For 10 years, as a young man,

Tax Guidance For Individuals in A Same-Sex Marriage in Wisconsin Look at this site:

http://www.revenue.wi.gov/taxpro/news/130906.html

#### RECOGNIZING SAME-SEX COUPLES CONTINUED...

I was chief photographer at a daily newspaper. More recently, I created an exhibit of portraits of panhandlers, showing the worth and dignity of these marginalized individuals.

The same motivation inspired this project. It seems that many people simply do not know same-sex couples, beyond the often distorted view provided by television and other mass media. I believe that if people were to really know same-sex couples, they would not fear or hate them and would be less likely to deny them the right to marry I am humbled by the 30 couples' willingness to participate, and by their candor. This project is their project, and it is

a political action. I believe that this exhibit can make a positive difference in the attitudes of people who see it, and in how they vote wherever this issue is raised."

Please consider joining us for this forum!

Please join us for a special adult forum!

Hope United Church of Christ

141 N 12th Avenue in Sturgeon Bay, WI

Sunday September 22nd from 9-10:15 am

### PFLAG DC UPCOMING EVENTS

# September

**Sept 15** 5pm PFLAG meeting at Hope Church on 12th Ave and Michigan St

Sept 21 4 p.m. Commit with Pride. Ceremony will be at the Stone Harbor Resort at the water front and performed by Rev. Richard Feyen, Pastor of Sturgeon Bay's Hope United Church of Christ. http://www.doorcounty.com/commit/ **Sept 22** 9-10:15 am. Jeff Pearcy, Milwaukee Photographer will do a presentation at the Hope UCC (see above)

**Sept 28** Last Saturday that PFLAG will be present at the Famers Market.

Thank you everyone for your support.

October

Oct 20 5pm Annual PLAG Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner. Election of Officers and payment of dues of \$20.00 for 2013-2014 year.

#### STAY CONNECTED

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

Stay current with PFLAG National by visiting <a href="www.pflag.org">www.pflag.org</a>.
Keep in touch with PFLAG National on Facebook at <a href="www.faceboook.com/pflag">www.faceboook.com/pflag</a>.
Follow PFLAG National on Twitter at <a href="http://twitter.com/#!/PFLAG">http://twitter.com/#!/PFLAG</a>.
Check out recent posts on our PFLAG National blog at <a href="http://blog.pflag.org/">http://blog.pflag.org/</a>.
Watch PFLAG National on our YouTube channel at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/pflagnational">http://www.youtube.com/user/pflagnational</a>.

# 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: <a href="https://www.pflagdoorcounty.org">www.pflagdoorcounty.org</a> or <a href="michardgardiner2001@gmail.com">richardgardiner2001@gmail.com</a> 920-421-8815

## Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

### 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 I 1:30 a.m. to I:00 p.m., hosted by Cricket.
For a complete list of the services provided by the Harmony Café, click on the following link: <a href="https://www.focol.org/harmonycafe/">www.focol.org/harmonycafe/</a>

# 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.

# 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 Ist 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

#### **GBLT Partnership**

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

GBLT 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.]

#### 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

### 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 6:00-8:00pm, 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 and Karen Wirch 920-434-9960.

# Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

#### 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 <a href="https://www.pflag-madison.org">www.pflag-madison.org</a> 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: <a href="https://www.pflagpoint.com">www.pflagpoint.com</a> or phone 715-572-6922.

#### Oshkosh

#### **PFLAG of Greater Oshkosh**

Will not meet for the months of June, July and August, 2013. For support please see the Appleton PFLAG meeting. Contact information: pflagoshkosh@gmail.com.

#### 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: <a href="https://www.milwaukee-pflag.org">www.milwaukee-pflag.org</a>.

# Newsletter Contact Information: AG Sturgeon Bay/Door County

PFLAG Sturgeon Bay/Door County Sturgeon Bay,WI 54235 920-421-8875

Website: <a href="www.pflagdoorcounty.org">www.pflagdoorcounty.org</a>. E-mail: <a href="mailto:pflag@doorcounty.com">pflag@doorcounty.com</a>

Also find us on Facebook: PFLAG Door County

Editor/Secretary: Beth Mitchell pflag@elizabethmitchell.name

If you would like to be removed from the PFLAG e-mail list, please let us know by replying to this e-mail and we will remove your address.

### 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.