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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.

Sandy Brown awarded the Ann Kok Social Justice Award

Sandy Brown is nominated for the Ann Kok Social Justice Award because of her ongoing commitment to social justice and tireless work establishing, maintaining, and growing Door County PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), the first organization of its kind in Door County. In addition she spent 4 years as PFLAG National Vice-President and Chair of the Regional Directors.

IN THE LOCAL MEDIA:

Lou Covotsos: Volunteer Voices - Peninsula Pulse

<http://www.ppulse.com/Articles-Community-c-2013-10-09-111336.114136-Volunteer-Voices.html>

Beth Mitchell: Standing Up to Bias - DC Daily News

<http://www.doorcountydailynews.com/news/details.cfm?id=94954>

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 SANDY BROWN CONTINUED...

Believing that all people have a right to basic human dignity, she dreamed of such an organization in our community for years before the realization of her vision. During those formative years, despite working full-time, she organized meetings and other activities with only a handful of LGBT residents of the area. Her dream was realized with the founding of the organization in 1995.

But that's not where her tireless efforts ended. She served as president of the fledgling organization for its first 16 years, striving to increase membership in a variety of ways, not the least of which was the publication of a monthly newsletter for which she assumed full responsibility. There were times when she was the lone voice for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex issues in our community. Today, the membership of Door County PFLAG has grown considerably, and from a monthly newsletter, the organization's publications have increased to over 150 e-mail and postal mail communications a month.

In addition to the published materials, she has promoted awareness of LGBT issues by sponsoring an information sharing booth at "Pride Alive" in Green Bay, an annual event. For many years, she has spread the word of the organization by staffing a stand at the Farmer's Market every Saturday in the heart of Sturgeon Bay, circulating brochures and other information about



RECOGNIZING SANDY BROWN CONTINUED...

the organization and about LGBT issues. And when not recruiting volunteers for the Saturday morning activity, she was womaning the stand herself. Sandy has personally shared her time and resources with many individuals and families needing support.

Social justice embodies the vision of communities that are not only equitable, but in which all members are physically and psychologically safe. Over the years Sandy has been an advocate for the LGBT community at meetings and events of community agencies (Sexual Assault Center, HELP) focusing on physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. She reminds us all that violence occurs not only in heterosexual relationships, but homosexual relationships as well.

For many years Sandy has been a member and board member of the LWV of Door County; she is that organization's current president. As a League member, Sandy has paid focus to many social issues, including the recent formation of the Door County Civility Project, a community-based initiative whose mission is to foster and incorporate the principles of civility into the fabric of everyday life.

Jack Dixon once said, "If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results." Due to Sandy's diligent efforts and focus on the changes needed here, many of the members of the LGBT community have seen change. They do enjoy the freedom and welcoming spirit of our great community. What had been hidden has now become open, giving, and inclusive, thanks in large part to this one woman's efforts for social justice! The entire community, not only those in the LGBT community, has benefited from her vision, her tireless work, and bravery.

PFLAG DC UPCOMING EVENTS

October

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

November

Oct 17 5pm PFLAG meeting at Hope Church on 12th Ave and Michigan St

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 richardgardiner2001@gmail.com

920-421-8815

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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.focol.org/harmonycafe/

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

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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

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[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.

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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.

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.

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.

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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