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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.

DC PFLAG ELECTION OF 2013-2014 OFFICERS

On October 20th at the monthly meeting of the DC PFLAG meeting the following were re-elected to their present post for another term. Richard Gardiner, President, John Contratto, Vice President, Secretary, Beth Mitchell, Secretary and June Kirali, Secretary.

Join us every third Sunday of the month at the Hope UCC, 12th and Michigan Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI. For more information may contact us at [920-421-8815](tel:920-421-8815).

*Congratulations to
Illinois and Hawaii!*

Some useful links:

Working with Transgender Youth

http://data.lambdalegal.org/publications/downloads/gdtb_working-with-transgender-youth.pdf

Tax Guidance For Individuals in
A Same-Sex Marriage in Wisconsin

Look at this site:

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

From PFLAG National

Of course, a major highlight at every convention is the National Awards Dinner. Chapter awards in Support, Education, and Advocacy are presented to chapters who are leaders in each of these areas. This year's honorees included [PFLAG Sauk Valley](#), an Illinois-based chapter which saw a need in their community to support LGBTQ youth who were socially isolated. They partnered with Youth Outlook, a nonprofit agency working exclusively with LGBTQ youth, to launch a drop-in center for underserved LGBTQ teenagers in their small farming community, acting as the main source of volunteer power to run it.

This year, two chapters won the Education award, [PFLAG Indianapolis](#) for its [You Have A Purpose](#) project (click the link to submit your OWN video of support to this wonderful project!) and [PFLAG Central Oregon Coast](#), for their Bully Prevention Project in collaboration with the Lincoln County School District. The Chapter Advocacy Award went to [PFLAG Springfield](#) in Missouri for its ongoing billboard campaign, *Someone You Know And Love Is Gay*.



Other awards were also handed out, including the Starr Award, named in honor of Adele Starr, first president of PFLAG National, which recognizes a PFLAG member who has made special personal contributions to PFLAG and its mission. This year's recipient was Former Wisconsin State Coordinator, Regional Director, RD Council Chair, VP of the National Board, and founder of the Sturgeon Bay, Door County, and Green Bay chapters of PFLAG, Sandy Brown.

A NOTE FROM FAIR WISCONSIN

For the fourth year in a row, **Fair Wisconsin** and **Our Lives Magazine** are working together to compile stories and a list of caring and committed couples from across Wisconsin. **Help connect to those in our community looking for support and role models while navigating a long-term, committed LGBT relationship.**

Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey linked below. We are looking to hear from everyone, whether you are **single** or **partnered, lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)** or a **straight ally**. If you are LGBT and partnered, we encourage you to be included in Our Lives Magazine's list of caring and committed couples to be published in the January LOVE issue of Our Lives Magazine. By agreeing to be visible you will be helping other couples, singles and youth from around our state see positive examples of lasting same-sex relationships.

At a time when Wisconsin is poised to become an island surrounded by marriage equality, please help us send a message of hope and strength and love.

The questions on the third page of the survey are intended to further support the work of Fair Wisconsin as we face the legal and legislative challenges to fairness that are in front of us. Your insight into the realities of life as an LGBT Wisconsinite will impact the work we are doing to achieve equality in Wisconsin.

Please update your information today!_Click here to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3QHW22>

In fairness,
Katie Belanger
President & CEO

PFLAG DC UPCOMING EVENTS

November

December

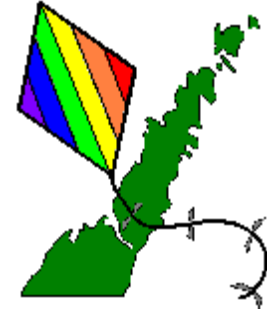
Nov 13 8:30 am Door County Non-Profit Open House

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

Dec 10 8am to 10:30am Leadership Door County - Topic: Education

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

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



November, 2013

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Board of PFLAG Door County, I thank you for your support of our organization. This is the group's second general request to the community and PFLAG membership. We need your financial support! PFLAG does have 501(c)(3) non-profit status and all contributions to PFLAG are tax deductible as allowed by law.

PFLAG - Door County (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) was formed 16 years ago because of a local young gay man who thought he was alone and was considering suicide. He wasn't alone. He also wasn't the only gay person who felt alone or considered suicide. A report in Pediatric in 1998 stated that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth have about a three times higher rate of attempted suicide than the general youth population. Studies also suggest that the coming out experience of 50% of GLBT teens was very negative and 25% were kicked out of their homes.

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

Support - 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 dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. PFLAG is not affiliated with any ethnic, religious, or political group.

Contributions will help PFLAG maintain a 24/7 phone to provide support and resources to callers and provide up-to-date educational resources to local schools and libraries.

Please be our partner in supporting the GLBT community and their friends and family members in Door County. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to your contribution! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Richard Gardiner, President

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

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 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

(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

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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

Calendar of Meetings and Other

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.

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: 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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