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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.

NEW RESOURCE: GUIDE FOR LGBT PEOPLE CHOOSING HEALTHCARE PLANS

1 in 3 LGBT individuals in the US doesn't have health insurance. Which means LGBT people are likely to be sicker, wait to get tested or treated for most illnesses and suffer more serious complications when they do get sick. In the past it's has been hard to find coverage that treats our families fairly, covers the care we need and doesn't break the bank.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) can increase coverage in our community by making health insurance more affordable, standardizing basic care and eliminating the exclusions that hurt the LGBT community the most.

<http://strongfamiliesmovement.org/lgbt-health-care-guide>

Some useful links:

Tax guidance for individuals in a same-sex marriage in Wisconsin:
<http://www.revenue.wi.gov/taxpro/news/130906.html>

PFLAG DC UPCOMING EVENTS

December

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

January

Jan 19 5pm PFLAG meeting at Hope Church on 12th Ave and Michigan St

Joyous Season to our readers,

It is the season to be thankful for where we live and what we want and do for our survival. On behalf of the Door County PFLAG Chapter, we are thankful for your support this past year.

For the many of you, when you visit Door County, stop at the PFLAG Booth and thank us for being there. It is great to hear your story and how you support your family or friend that is gay or lesbian.

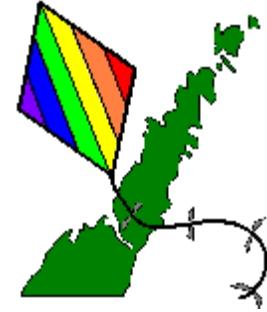
We also thank you for your support for the first public same sex commitment ceremony performed in Door County. It was great to see four couples come forward and had the courage to make their commitment to each other.

Again thanks for your support and allowing our news letter to come into your home.

Richard Gardiner, Pres

Door County PFLAG

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/

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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.]

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.]

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

Manitowoc

Calendar of Meetings and

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.

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

There is currently no regular meeting times. For support please see the Appleton PFLAG meeting. Contact information:
1923 Northpoint St. Oshkosh, WI 54901
oshkoshpflag@gmail.com
Phone: [920-426-0991](tel:920-426-0991)

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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