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PFLAG^{of} Door County

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

Straight for Equality

PFLAG National -- through its Straight for Equality project -- is working on a new resource to invite, educate, and engage allies of people who are transgender and gender nonconforming and we need your help!

One of the most important pieces of all the S4E publications is the input of real-world people who are willing to talk about their ally journeys as well as the role that allies have played in their lives. To get this information, we created three prompt questions that I'd love for you to share with your networks as well as answer yourself if you'd like. The further this goes, the more content we'll have to draw from, so your help in distributing is much appreciated.

The three questions, along with instructions as to where responses should be sent and length of responses are all on one neat little page: <https://www.straightforequality.org/questions>

Please share with e-mail contacts, through social media, through groups in which you're a participant, etc. This should not be limited to the PFLAG network -- please distribute widely. The more responses, the better pool of content we'll have to use for the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jean-Marie (jhenkel@pflag.org) or to Jamie H (jhenkel@pflag.org).

Thank you in advance for being willing to participate in this project and for everything that you're doing to move equality forward for all of our families and friends.

JOIN US SUN. JAN. 26 AT
5PM FOR THE HOPE
CHURCH TALENT SHOW!

WE WILL BE SINGING
"IMAGINE" BY JOHN
LENNON.

THROUGH THE DOOR OF LIFE A BOOK BY JOY LADIN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS

This is an emotionally intense, deeply personal memoir of self-discovery.

Joy Ladin ruthlessly digs deep into her personal challenges and emotional struggles as she relates her long journey from young Jewish boy suppressing his sense of self to the first transsexual tenured professor at Stern College, a very conservative Orthodox Hebrew university in New York. She recalls in almost excruciating detail learning to suppress her emotional stress and pain – to the point of suppressing ALL feelings. Like many young transsexuals, she often wished she could die; several times throughout her early life, she seriously considered suicide.

From an early age, Ms. Ladin spent much of her time seeking guidance from the Torah and her study of the writings of rabbinical scholars, especially Rabbi Hillel. While for many transsexual people the antipathy of the church's teachings drive them from their religion, Ms. Ladin found strength and solace in the Torah and Rabbi Hillel's writings.

Many transsexuals' memoirs talk about being rejected and ostracized by their families, friends, churches, and fellow employees. Ms. Ladin's writing gives these experiences new meaning. She draws us deeper into her experience than most, so we feel her stress, her pain, and her struggle to just be.

PFLAG DC UPCOMING EVENTS

January

Jan 8 Monthly Not-for-profit meeting at the Sturgeon Bay City Hall

Jan 19 noon PFLAG Choir practice at Hope Church.

Jan 19, 5pm PFLAG meeting at Hope Church on 12th Ave and Michigan St. All are welcome to attend.

Jan 26, 5pm Hope Church Talent Show. The song that we are singing is "Imagine." Not too late join us!

February

Feb 12 Monthly Not-for-profit meeting at the Sturgeon Bay City Hall

Feb 16, 9am PFLAG is the Forum topic at Hope Church.

Feb 16, 5pm PFLAG meeting at Hope Church on 12th Ave and Michigan St

Feb 23, 9am Sturgeon Bay UMC and Hope Church joint Forum. The topic is "Two Spirit." Meeting at the Methodist Church.

March

March 2, 9am Sturgeon Bay UMC and Hope Church joint Forum. The topic is "Two Spirit." Meeting at Hope Church.

March 12 Monthly Not-for-profit meeting at the Sturgeon Bay City Hall

March 16, 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

GBLT Partnership

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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.]

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 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

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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