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# PFLAG<sup>of</sup> 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.

## PFLAG'S ANNUAL MEETING

The organization's members, friends, and guests will gather on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m. for its annual meeting.

Organization-paid members vote at this meeting on officers for the upcoming year. June, the organization's dedicated treasurer for many years, is looking to take a breather from her duties, for example, thus underscoring the importance of this year's elections.

Those of you who are interested in attending but are not now dues-paying (dues are \$20) members will be able to become a member, to vote for officers, and even to consider being an officer should you wish to do so at the meeting. You might consider performing any other role in the organization yourself, or you might wish to simply attend.

This is a potluck dinner, but don't allow the preparation of a dish to pass around stop you from attending; bring yourself. Everyone is welcome!

Voting or non-voting, dues-paying or non-dues paying, preparing a dish for the pot luck or simply bringing yourself, please consider joining us on Sunday the 19th.

We have a new email address!  
[pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com](mailto:pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS CHANGED AT UU

Last night we had another wonderful PFLAG meeting at the UU in Northern Door with a couple from the Chicago area joining us from the McHenry Chapter! Because of some conflict, we have changed the date of meetings there to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

## UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT OPENS THE DOOR TO SAME SEX MARRIAGES

The United States Supreme Court's procedural ruling not to hear appeals pending on same sex marriages brought the total number of states allowing that right to 30 and the District of Columbia.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear appeals from three federal appeals courts—the 4th, 7th, and 10th Circuit Courts of Appeals--on the question of same-sex marriage. The appeals had stayed the ability for same-sex couples to marry in a number of states, including Wisconsin, and once the Supreme Court declined to hear those appeals, the stays imposed on same-sex marriages no longer existed.

A substantive ruling from the Supreme Court on same-sex marriages as opposed to this recent procedural ruling might still occur during this term of the Court, and this is why: The Supreme Court has generally been concerned about "splits" among the federal appellate courts. A split means some circuits rule on issues one way and other circuits rule on the same issue the opposite way. The nation's highest court generally seeks to resolve such conflict among the circuit courts.

The split among the circuits might occur if the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the federal circuit court hearing cases from the federal district courts in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, denies same-sex marriage rights.

However, most legal analysts agree—this recent Supreme Court action, one that opens the door to hundreds of thousands of same-sex couples to immediately avail themselves of the right to marry, means that marriage equality in the United States is here to stay.

(Source: "Our Lives Magazine" and Nancy Marcus

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 2:** The first Sunday of November, is National TransParent Day. On that day, we salute our transgender sisters and brothers who are parents and grandparents as well as their families.

For more information on National TransParent Day, visit [www.TransParentDay.org](http://www.TransParentDay.org)

**November 13:** PFLAG at the UU church, Ephraim at 6:00 p.m., the 2nd Thursday of the month.

**November 16:** PFLAG of Door County meeting, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Sturgeon Bay, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**November 20** is also the Annual Day of Remembrance for transgender people killed as the result of hate crimes.

**December 1:** World AIDS Day.

### LGBT Casting Call

Producers of a series exploring various types of family secrets and the reasons behind those secrets are casting among the LGBT community.

In particular, the producers are seeking to film a segment about parents wanting to come out to their grown (preferably, high school or college age) children.

If you or someone you know fits this part, please visit [Austin.Vuz@OffTheFence.com](mailto:Austin.Vuz@OffTheFence.com) or phone

## 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](http://www.pflag.org).

Keep in touch with PFLAG National on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pflag](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.pflagdoorcounty.org) or  
[pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com](mailto:pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com)  
920-421-8815

#### UU PFLAG Northern Door

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sister Bay.

Any questions, please call: 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.harmonycafe.org](http://www.harmonycafe.org)

### 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](http://www.7riverslgbt.org)

### GLBT Partnership

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

GLBT 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.]

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[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 6:30-8:00 pm, 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

#### 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](mailto:pflagmanty@gmail.com) 920-629-3771

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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](http://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](http://www.pflagpoint.com) or phone 715-572-6922.

## Sheboygan

### PFLAG Sheboygan

Meeting the first Tuesdays 7-8,  
823 Union Ave.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
Contact information:  
[PFLAGSheboygan@live.com](mailto:PFLAGSheboygan@live.com)  
(920) 2540-1834

## 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](http://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.

## Newsletter Contact Information:

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